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SUAREZ IS NEW SPAIN BOSS

by KEIR RADNEDGE

LUIS SUAREZ is the new manager of Spain.

The one-time European Footballer of the Year in his days as one of the game's top midfield generals with Barcelona, Internazionale and Sampdoria, succeeds Miguel Munoz after Spain's disappointing European Championship showing.

After an opening 3-2 victory over Denmark in Hannover, the Spaniards were beaten by both Italy and hosts West Germany and failed to match their runners-up placing in the previous finals, in France in 1984.

Munoz, one of European football's most enduring figures, had hoped to continue to the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy. But he had become increasingly accident-prone, suffering a series of misunderstandings and disagreements with officials and players which contributed to the West German disappointment.

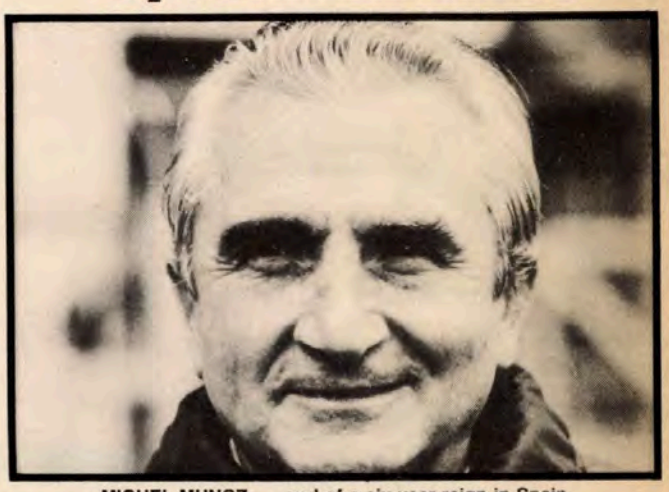
Once former Bilbao midfielder Angel Villar had taken over earlier this summer as president of the RFEF, the Spanish federation, the writing was on the wall.

Various personalities had been mentioned as a possible successor to Munoz during the presidential campaign to replace the politically-paralysed Jose Luis Roca.

The different candidates each had their own favourite — among them Espanol's Javier Clemente and the former national team aide Vicente Miera.

However, Villar always championed the cause of 53-year-old Suarez and the key man in Spain's 1964 European Nations' championship triumph was duly confirmed in his new role on August 18.

Suarez's immediate task will be to decide whether veterans such as Jose Camacho and Rafael Gordillo confirm their international retirements or whether he should try to persuade them to carry on a little longer as he builds a new team.



MIGUEL MUNOZ . . . end of a six-year reign in Spain.

The immediate challenge is a home friendly against Yugoslavia on September 14. Then Spain entertain world champions Argentina on October 12 in a game to mark the 75th anniversary of the federation.

After that, it's down to the nitty-gritty of the World Cup with home matches against the Irish Republic (on November 16) and Northern Ireland (on December 21).

Suarez said: "I'm thrilled to have been appointed. We have a sound playing base and some new young players with a great deal of potential.

"I have spent the last eight years involved with the federation and the various national teams so I think I know the set-up as well as anyone and the best way to work.

"Miguel Munoz and I had a few problems towards the end but I must say I don't think his reign ended in the sort of disaster some people have suggested.

"Look at his record. He took Spain to runners-up spot in the 1984 European Championships, to the World Cup finals in Mexico — where we only lost on penalties in the quarter-finals in Belgium — and then to the European finals in West Germany."

Suarez was on £40,000 as managerial assistant. Now he receives almost a 300 per cent pay rise to £150,000 a year. That is remarkable considering his lack of success as a coach.

'Luisito' was a great success as a player with La Coruna, Barcelona (1954-1961), Internazionale (1961-1970) and Sampdoria (1970-1973). He played 37 times for Spain, won the World Club and European Champions' Cups twice over with Inter and the Fairs Cup twice with Barcelona — as well as a string of domestic titles in Spain and Italy.

But his coaching career in Italy brought nothing, despite stints with Cagliari, Inter, Spal and Como. And only Coruna, his home town team, ever offered him a job in his native Spain before the federation took him on board in 1980.

Perhaps this is why Suarez is on only a two-year contract, which takes him up to the 1990 World Cup finals — if Spain qualify. If they don't, then Suarez could be on his way earlier.

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RUSH: THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE ANFIELD

THE sudden return of Ian Rush from Juventus to Liverpool steps up the failure rate for Football League emigrants to Italian soccer.

As our table here shows, no fewer than nine of the 19 players who have left the English game for Calcio in the last 40 years have failed to last more than two years.

Officially, talks between the clubs about Rush's return began almost as a matter of chance while Liverpool were in Spain for the Trofeo Teresa Herrera in La Coruna.

In fact, there was already speculation rife in Turin that the Welshman was on his way home.

While he was back in Flint recovering from chicken pox, one Italian journalist close to Juventus wrote, in an article speculating on the coming season: "When Rush returns — that is, if Rush returns . . ."

Rush said: "Coming back to Anfield is the best thing that could have happened to me.

"I've no regrets. I enjoyed my time in Italy — even if it was only a year — and I don't think I let myself or anyone else down.

"I played and I scored quite a few goals. I think 14 goals is pretty useful for someone in their first season in Italy.

"It's more than Laudrup or the youngster Buso — and they're still at Juventus.

"My best moment was converting the penalty in the UEFA Cup play-off shoot-out against Torino. Then there was the goal with which Wales beat Italy just before the European Championship finals.

"The worst moments were when I was injured at the start of last season. I'd never had anything like that before."

For Rush, the British record £2.8 million transfer brings the most satisfactory solution to the most unsettled spell of his career.

But it has hardly resolved many of the problems brewing at Juventus where new coach Dino Zoff finds himself sandwiched between boardroom disagreements and on-field uncertainty.

The catalyst for the sale of Rush was the imminent arrival of the £2.5 million Kiev Dynamo midfield general Alexander Zavarov.

Juventus want him now for the new Italian season which will begin next month. But originally, Kiev did not want to let him go until the end of the Soviet season in November — if then.

Soviet boss Valeri Lobanovsky was split between maintaining his national team and the need for Kiev to obtain a secure financial foundation as the domestic game goes professionally independant.

Already Igor Belanov was set for Atalanta and other Kiev regulars — such as Besonov, Baltacha and Demianenko — were also being hawked around the international transfer market.

CANTONA BANNED

ERIC CANTONA, French football's 'new Platini', has been suspended indefinitely from the national team for an over-the-top attack in a newspaper interview on national manager Henri Michel.

French federation president Jean Fournet-Fayard, who summoned the Marseille star to Paris for a disciplinary hearing one day after publication of the offending interview, said he could also face a ban from league matches.

Cantona, who cost Marseille a French record £2.5 million from Auxerre in June, described Michel as "one of the world's most incompetent trainers" — and that was one of his more polite comments!

The 22-year-old forward let fly in anger at being omitted from the 16-man squad to play Czechoslovakia in a Paris friendly and at being named in the under-21 side instead.

Cantona, who scored against West Germany on his national team debut last year, has apologised to Michel for his "rather rude" remarks.

DANIEL PASSARELLA, Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning captain, has come out of retirement after all to rejoin River Plate.

Passarella skippered River Plate to Argentine domestic successes in 1975, 1977, 1979 and 1980. He will link up again with 1978 World Cup coach Cesar Menotti, who signed for River Plate in July.

Passarella joins River Plate less than a week after Oscar Ruggeri, a defender in Argentina's 1986 World Cup-winning side, was transferred to Spain's Logrones.

He returned to Buenos Aires in May after ending a six-year spell in Italy with Fiorentina and then Internazionale of Milan.

EXPORTS TO ITALY

FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXPORTS TO ITALY 1946-88

Joe BAKER. England. From Hibernian. Torino 1961-62.

Luther BLISSETT. England. From Watford. Milan 1983-84.

Liam BRADY. Irish Republic. From Arsenal. Juventus 1980-82; Sampdoria 1982-84; Internazionale 1984-86; Ascoli 1986-87.

John CHARLES. Wales. From Leeds Juventus 1957-62; Roma 1962-63.

Gordon COWANS. England. From Aston Villa. Bari 1985-88.

Trevor FRANCIS. England. From Manchester City. Sampdoria 1982-86; Atalanta 1986-87.

Jimmy GREAVES. England. From Chelsea. Milan 1961.

Mark HATELEY. England. From Portsmouth. Milan 1984-87.

Gerry HITCHENS. England. From Aston Villa. Internazionale 1961-62; Torino 1962-65; Atalanta 1965-67; Cagliari 1967-69.

Joe JORDAN. Scotland. From Manchester United. Milan 1981-83; Verona 1983-84.

William John JORDAN. England. From Tottenham. Juventus 1948-49.

Denis LAW. Scotland. From Manchester City. Torino 1961-62.

Tony MARCHI. England. From Tottenham. Vicenza 1957-58; Torino 1958-59.

Frank RATCLIFFE. England. From Aldershot. Alessandria 1949-50.

Paul RIDEOUT. England. From Aston Villa. Bari 1985-88.

Ian RUSH. Wales. From Liverpool. Juventus 1987-88.

Josiah 'Paddy' SLOAN. Irish Republic. From Sheffield United. Milan 1948-49; Udinese 1949-50; Brescia 1950-51.

Graeme SOUNESS. Scotland. From Liverpool. Sampdoria 1984-86.

Ray WILKINS. England. From Manchester United. Milan 1984-87.

NOTE: Charles Norman Adcock entered Italian football after serving in the Allied forces. He played for Padova 1946-49, Triestina 1949-50 and Treviso 1950-51.

ENGLAND may visit Morocco in November after the cancellation of a friendly with Italy. Meanwhile Bobby Robson's men try to make amends for their European championship disappointment by taking on Denmark at Wembley on September 14.

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remains to be seen. Let us hope to goodness that they will be; the game is desperately in need of good leadership.

The idea of a Super League seems to me, in present circumstances, deeply misguided. The very name has a ring of arrogance and delusions of grandeur. What, for goodness' sake, was Super about last season's League, a perfectly wretched, second or third rate, affair, dominated by a Liverpool team whose vulnerability was made only too embarrassingly clear in the Cup Final. I think Bob Paisley, a Liverpool left-half forty years ago, an outstandingly successful manager in the 80s, went a little far when he called it the worst 1st Division in living memory.

In those forty years, the game has speeded up to such a degree that even such games as the Matthews Final, seen on the TV, have a quaint, antique air about them.

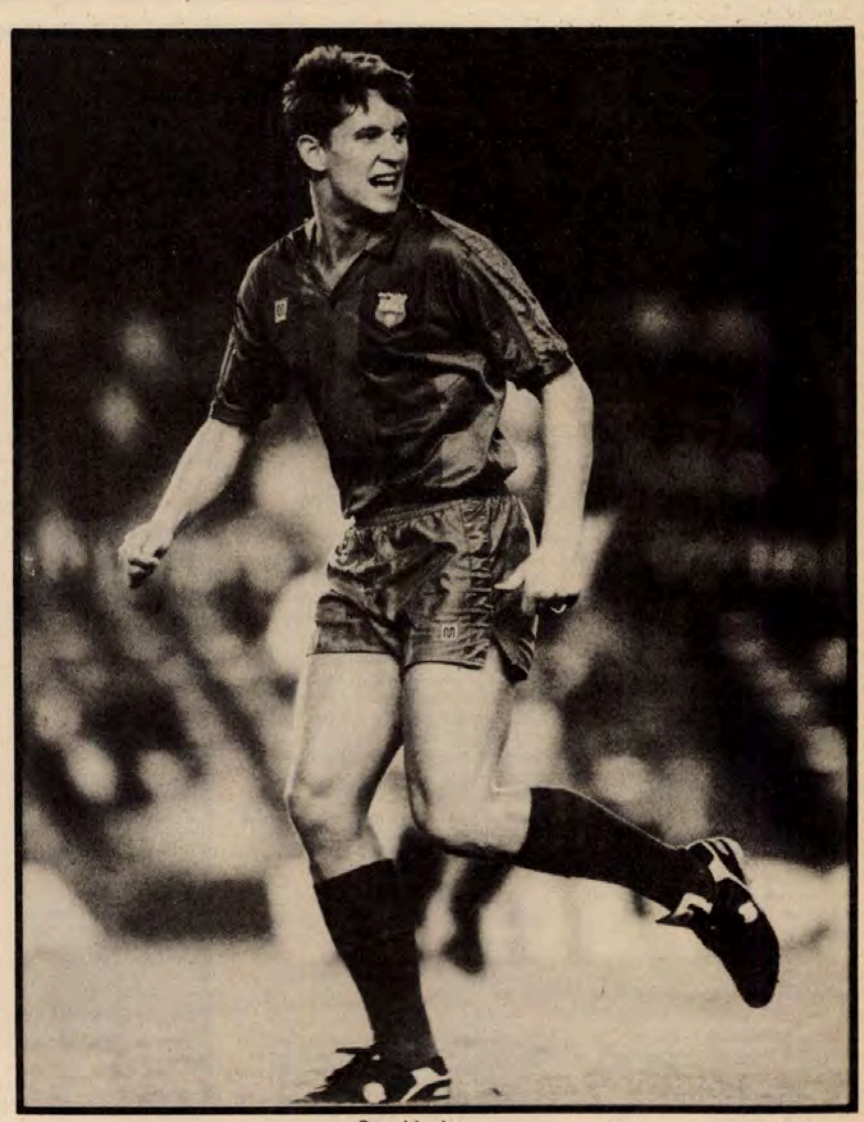
But it *was* a rotten First Division, or Liverpool would never have been able to walk it, as they did. To extrapolate from that a Super League would be sheer impertinence. To be obliged to watch such dreary teams play each other four times a season rather than twice would be a penance.

Most significantly, this is the very season in which Italy, the most highly paying and highly professionalised football country in the world, has actually *increased* the numbers of its Serie A from 16 clubs to 18. This despite the fact that even with only sixteen clubs, there are only some three or four which have any real chance of the title, and a majority whose one concern is to escape relegation.

Football must be like the Army in which, notionally, every Tommy carries a Field Marshal's baton in his knapsack. Wimbledon, it is true, have shown almost pitifully how hard it is for a little club to keep its end up, with player after player leaving them for better (more lucrative) things within months of winning the Cup Final.

But at least the example of Wimbledon, Cup winners within a decade of even getting into the League, acts as a beacon for other clubs, little clubs which, however lowly their present status, can dream of bigger and better things.

Take, besides, the example of a club such as Ipswich Town. No one would ever think of putting them just now into any alleged Super League, and they have never had the kind of support generated by a great metropolitan club. Yet it wasn't so long ago when they were one of the outstanding clubs in the country, winners of the UEFA Cup, denied by the skin of their teeth and ill fortune from taking the Championship, which they had won in the past. Are we to block the way to Ipswich and clubs like them, kill their ambition, prevent them from delighting us once again with their fresh, exciting football?



Gary Lineker

Meanwhile, football must worry about how many fans will go through the turnstiles, if and when the identity card scheme is implemented. My own belief is still that the panacea is the banning of away fans, who constitute a source of trouble and violence even when, as so often happens, they are the victims.

The idea of identity cards has been pushed and promulgated not just by the ineffable Colin (HMV) Moynihan but by those who would manufacture and sell them. But can you imagine what our major clubs, who make such a dog's dinner already of letting big crowds through the turnstiles (yes, step forward Arsenal and Chelsea among others) would undergo, were cards to be in order, and those who hadn't got the acceptable one to be turned away? It's hard enough to get turnstile attendants nowadays as it is!

Unfortunately, football's case goes by default, thanks to the deplorable lack of people who could put it. Let's hope and pray for Gordon Taylor. It would at least be a start.

BRIAN GLANVILLE says

Welcome back ...Bologna!

AFTER a six-year absence, Bologna at last are back in the Italian First Division, where they surely belong. Theirs is one of the great cities of Italy, the city which gave birth to the first major European university, which itself was the progenitor of Oxford University.

Bologna is famous for good cooking, good living, a genial style of life. It is not a major industrial city, such as Milan or Turin, nor by and large has it the wealthy men, or the cunningly adroit men, that Rome throws up.

Champions in 1925, 1929, 1936, 1937 and 1941, Bologna between the wars was a major Italian football power, putting such as Milan in the shade. Since the war, they have won the title but once, in 1964, in the most astonishingly dramatic circumstances. Now they have been brought up to Serie A again by an extraordinary manager; one who could scarcely be more of a contrast with the man who won them that last title, at the very last gasp; Fulvio Bernardini.

Bernardini was one of the great attacking centre-halves of Italian football, dropped in the 20s by Vittorio Pozzo because he wanted a long passing bruiser like the Argentine, Luisito Monti. Gaining a law degree at Rome University, Fulvio later managed Roma and Fiorentina, not to mention the Italian national team, winning the Championship with Bologna despite appalling chicanery.

Gigi Maifredi, tall, 41 years old, coveted this year by Juventus, has no playing background at all. Like Sacchi of Milan, he wasn't even a decent amateur. He slid into football coaching after at first selling sweets, cakes and drinks.

From one little club he moved to another, usually running the junior teams, till at last he found a full managerial job with Ospitaletto, in division C2, the lowest in the League. The important thing was that it was here he forged his partnership with Corioni, who would evetually take over Bologna; a team which even slid as far down as into Serie C, itself C1.

Maifredi believes in zonal football, adventurous football. Juventus wanted him badly this season and seemed certain to get him. He had stated publicly that he signed a contract for just one season at a time, so he was free. Then at the very last moment, to the fury of Juve's President, Giampiero Boniperti, it emerged that Maifredi had a three year contract with Bologna.

Or did he? The rumour swept round Italian football that at the last moment he got cold feet, was worried by the thought of working in "Boni's" vast shadow, that he persuaded Corioni to come up with the tale of the three year agreement. In any case he stays with Bologna; displeased to have lost his excellent young left winger, Marocchi, who did so well last season, to Juventus.

That 1964 Championship was bitterly hard won. Bologna seemed to be cruising to success at the expense of Internazionale — the high days of Mazzola, Picchi and Facchetti on the field, of Moratti, Herrera, Allodi and Solti, off it.

Suddenly, disaster. A post match test on tubes of urine allegedly proved that a Bologna player was positive. Bologna had points deducted, the team was demoralised, fell into a slump, fell behind Inter.

But the club persevered, insisting on its innocence, and in the end, it prevailed. Amazingly, it was established that the "flagons" of urine had been tampered with in the laboratory.

Bologna were innocent. The points were restored to them. But surely, it was too late? Other points had been lost. The team was dejected. But the team revived, and caught Inter up, finishing level on points. That meant a play off, under Italian rules; a kind of League Cup Final, at the Olympic Stadium, in Rome.

And Bologna won it! Facchetti put through his own goal in the second half, the dashing Harald Nielsen, Danish international centre-forward, scored a second. That powerful, gifted team had superb inside-forwards in the blond Helmut Haller of West Germany, Giacomo Bulgarelli, the Italian cap, both of whom would play, with varying success, in the 1966 World Cup finals. Bogli was an elegant wing-half, Wulliam Negri, in goal, carried on the tradition established by the wonderfully agile Ceresoli, a hero of the 1934 Battle of Highbury, in goal.

Those pre-war teams had such stars as the forceful centre-foward Angelo Schiavio, capped 21 times for Italy, scorer of 15 goals, including the winner in the 1934 World Cup Final, when he was 29.

There was a 1938 World Cup winner in the tricky outside right Biavati, he of the double shuffle, who had a splendid game in the 1938 World Cup Final in Paris versus Hungary. The Uruguayan centre-half, Andreolo, was another Bologna man who played for Italy in that Final.

In the late 40s, when flamboyant Dall'Ara was club president, the Yorkshireman Ted Crawford, once a Halifax and Clapton Orient forward, managed Bologna, and resourcefully saved them from relegation. He used to tell the story of wily old Gino Capello, a big, long nosed, talented, devious forward, coming up to him before a home game late in the season against Lucchese suggesting a draw would be a good idea.

Crawford demurred, persuaded his Scandinavian players and a young left winger called Matteucci to try their hardest, and roared with laughter when Matteucci scored. He laughed even louder at the efforts of certain Bologna players to concede an equaliser (they did!)

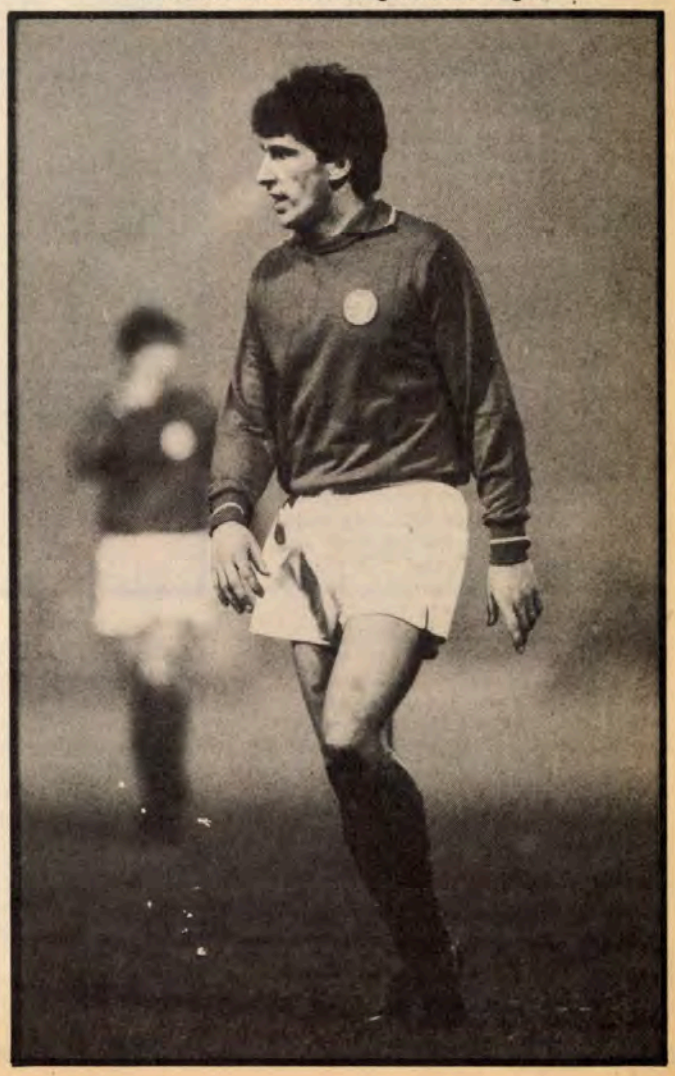
Capello was eventually in deep trouble with the Italian federation when, having retired, he turned up in Bergamo and asked in the local barber's shop for his old Bologna team mate, the Atalanta right-back, Cattozzo. But barbers are gossips, Cattozzo turned down Capello's interesting proposition, reported it, and the FIGC intervened.

In the 1950s, Bologna had an excellent couple of Danish wing-halves in Pilmark and Jensen, busy, solid, intelligent players who served them admirably. Later, Jensen would become a history teach in Lyngby, just outside Copenhagen.

The present Bologna team has no stars of that calibre, with the exception of the 32-year-old veteran Salvatore Bagni, signed from Naples, who kicked him out after he allegedly led a players' rebellion at the end of last season. Bagni is a hard case, an experienced, skilled, shrewd, wily player, the kind who could help Bologna stay up.

That, and to play good football, is about the limits of their ambition at the moment, but they are a club with an appealing history. It's good to see them back again in Serie A.

SALVATORE BAGNI. . . Bologna transfer target.



N LEAGUE AT LAST?

by IAIN MACLEOD

changed everything.

The ban on English clubs appears unresolvable, but even without the crowd violence, the difficulties in constructing a European league are immense. In a perfect world, that is, with the inclusion of English clubs, the process of selecting an elite 16 clubs would almost certainly provoke a storm of controversy.

And, as ITV illustrated by their £37 million offer to screen only the games of England's supposed top ten clubs, there are worrying aspects over possible side-effects to the game in general.

For instance: what would be the effect on the standard of play, and, consequently, on attendances if the top two teams were removed from any country's national championship? Would television and commercial sponsors then relinquish all interest in the domestic product? Recent events give credence to the theory.

The criteria for choosing the elite must be flexible, even though a club's current standing offers the most simple and practical solution. Yet consideration should also be given to size of stadia, average attendance, annual turnover and, not least, tradition.

Take Manchester United. They have not brought the championship to Old Trafford since 1967, yet they have regularly been the club with the highest average attendance in Britain; they continually play attractive football; and, in spite of Liverpool's numerous European successes, remain the English club most loved in foreign parts.

Although there are contentious omissions in my list of 16 clubs — Glasgow Rangers are one, given their successful commercial enterprises — the majority of the clubs have long been among the continent's elite. The European cup formed a good basis for choice, and only 4 of the 16 winners have been omitted.

The two English clubs, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa, simply do not have the required European pedigree; the other clubs, Feyenoord (Holland) and Inter Milan (Italy) have fallen from grace to such an extent that they would be unlikely to gain even their country's third nomination, were one to exist.

The chosen 16 clubs constitute a fairly realistic appraisal of Europe's top clubs: of the 11 nations represented, eight provide the newly crowned national champions. The remainder, with the exception of Juventus were runner-up and/or won the cup, while Benfica and Ajax were defeated finalists in Europe.

The inclusion of the largely unheralded Monaco will cause eyebrows to be raised. But I found it inconceivable that France, which has been the birthplace of all the great tournaments should be excluded.

Then there is the question of the two Eastern European sides. No one can deny that Dynamo Kiev and Steaua Bucharest have been among the world's leading teams in recent years, and if the continent is to have a league truly representative of its title, then its participants cannot be chosen as a matter of political expediency.

Certainly, strict consideration will have to be given to the implementation of stringent regulations for matters such as crowd safety — which, even in socialist Europe has become a problem — ticket sales and restrictions on travelling fans.

But, given that only the West Germans of the western European nations represented have a lengthy winter shut-down, the severity of the Eastern European winter poses questions of a different kind over the participation of Kiev and Steaua.

For in a championship consisting of 16 clubs, entailing each club to play 30 games per season, to be contested over each weekend from mid-September to mid-May, with, say, a fortnight's break for the festive season, the period from December to mid-March is totally unsuitable for the likes of Kiev.

Kiev, of course, could then move to one of the Soviet Black Sea resorts, although it is questionable whether that would be financially viable.

Yet, there seems no doubt about the interest of Eastern Bloc sides: the lure of the hard currency generated by the fortnightly visit of a western European club would be irresistible.

For, it is not only the borders within the EEC which are opening out. Kiev, for instance, in the spirit of glasnost, are already sponsored by the Munich-based, Japanese computer company, Commodore, which also sponsors Bayern.

Recently, Berlusconi, the tycoon chairman of Milan, gained exclusive rights to act as broker for any Western agency wishing to advertise on Soviet television: a potential audience of 260 million people. A sign of things to come?

For those involved in a European league the travel required would be considerable. But, with no mid-week fixtures to consider, the burden on players would actually be less than at present. There would be eight games each weekend and the co-operation of each national association is imperative to ensure minimal disruption to the domestic programme. A European league has to be a natural process of evolution, requiring UEFA's approval.

GARY STEVENS . . . out in the cold with Rangers?

It might be possible to stagger the fixture list: four games on Saturday and four on Sunday, dependent perhaps on the traditional day on which football is played in each country.

Live television across Europe would undoubtedly be a major feature of the league. It is an enticing prospect, is it not, to have a regular diet of Real Madrid v Ajax, Barcelona v Milan etc, etc.

To sustain interest and ensure that there was a democratic process of election for those clubs initially left out, the bottom four clubs would be confronted with relegation and have to play off against the four semi-finalists from the European Cup, which should continue in its present form, this constituting the means of promotion to the upper house.

The attractions of a European league are evident. When one considers that the satellite TV company, British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB), initially offered the Football League a £200 million, ten-year package, and that subsequent offers from BSB/BBC and ITV were worth, respectively, £39 million and £44 million (4 years), how much more would a continental championship bring? Though one should, in light of current events beware of the dangers of selling the game's soul to television.

Certainly, the contract which UEFA currently has with the European Broadcasting Union for the televising of European and Cup Winners' Cup finals for the period 1987-90 pales by comparison: the total sum paid by the EBU amounts to Sw.frs 8,250,000 (about £3.3 million).

The clubs themselves are already taking steps to generate more revenue. Ajax, of Amsterdam, last season sold television rights for the Cup-winners' Cup semi-final against Marseilles to two companies. NOS, the Dutch television network, occupied the traditional side; Europe 1, the French network owned by multi-millionaire TV tycoon, Bernard Tapie, who also owns TF1, covered the game from the opposite stand.

Ajax, meanwhile, emerged one million guilders (£300,000) richer: revenue from two companies. . . and twice the usual amount of advertising revenue.

But the way ahead lies in the sky. By 1992, most homes are likely to have a satellite reception dish of one sort or another as the price plummets to around £250 each. It would seem that the opportunity to finally create Hanot's great dream has never been better.

MATS MAKES MARK

by PENTTI HIETANEN

SOME of Europe's top clubs must have tasted regret at the sight of Benfica's Swedish striker Mats Magnusson leading them into the Champions' Cup Final against PSV Eindhoven.

For only two years ago Magnusson was one of the unwanted men of the professional market. After an unhappy spell with the enigmatic Swiss club Servette, nobody wanted to know about the big, blond forward.

Magnusson has now proved to be a survivor. He has survived the disappointments of a failed professional career. At Benfica, he has already ridden the dismissal of their Danish coach Ebbe Skovdahl, the man who had handpicked Magnusson for the Portuguese giants from Malmö.

In the space of just one week in March, Mats Magnusson, or 'Magno', as the Estadio da Luz faithfuls know him, wrote his name into the Benfica book of greats. It took him just three goals to do it.

At first, he opened the scoring in the 2-0 Champions' Cup victory over Belgium's Anderlecht. The following weekend he struck twice within two minutes in a 4-1 win over local rivals Sporting Lisbon.

Important goals, which won praise even from the great Eusebio.

Of course, Mats Magnusson is not the first Swede to find success with the famous Eagles'. A few years ago Sven-Göran Eriksson enjoyed an outstanding although brief stay as a coach, with the ubiquitous midfielder Glenn Strömberg as his right-hand man on the field.

Both Eriksson and Strömberg then departed for Italy, but they left behind a lasting memory. In fact, Magnusson says that he is already fed up with people asking him if he is as good a player as Strömberg!

Magnusson has quickly come to terms with the realities of soccer life in Portugal. "I must be more selfish here", he says. "With my Swedish club Malmö FF, I always played for the whole team. I must now play more for myself, because people here judge a striker purely by the amount of goals that he has scored."

The strapping forward, who was born in Helsingborg, on the southern coast of Sweden, joined Malmö FF at the age of 17. It took him two years to secure a place in the first-team. Full international honours soon followed, his debut coming in August, 1964, in a 1-1 draw with Mexico.

Then came that sorry episode with Servette, a prosperous club notorious for picking up foreign stars almost as light-heartedly as a schoolboy collecting autographs. It was later revealed that the coach of the Swiss club had not even seen Magnusson play. Yet the Swede had to move to the land of the Alps with a burden of being tagged as the most expensive foreign player ever to play there.

EUSEBIO... set the standards for Benfica strikers.

It never really worked out. Magnusson would later say: "I was a victim of the midfield experiments of Servette's coach, Jean-Marc Guillou. If there is no-one out on the wing hitting decent crosses into the box, they might just as well forget me, too."

But was he really the flop that he was made out to be? During his only season in Geneva, Magnusson was the club's top scorer in the league with 12, added three more in the Champions' Cup and helped Servette to reach the Swiss Cup final.

Still everyone was shouting for his head and Magnusson left a disappointed man in July, 1986. It was back to Malmö, where he gradually put his game together again under the astute guidance of their English coach Roy Hodgson.

The first hints of Magnusson's revival came in April, 1987, when he scored twice in Sweden's shock 3-1 victory over the Soviet Union in Tbilisi. In the league, he formed a deadly duo with Lasse Larsson, another former professional reject from Italy's Atalanta. By the end of August, when Mats departed for Benfica, they had shared 30 goals between them in 17 league games to put Malmö firmly on the top of the tree.

There were, however, some doubts about Magnusson, who cost Benfica £550,000, after his low-profile debut in Portugal in a shock 1-0 home defeat by Maritimo. But since then the 'Bombarderio sueco' has proved his worth, his aerial power being feared throughout the country.

Magnusson, living with his wife and young daughter in Cascais, says that he feels perfectly well in Portugal and that he has no urge to move on. But who can tell, clubs from Italy or England would certainly like a player, who, at 25, has already experienced the good and bad sides of the game — and has come out of it playing better than ever.

His next target? To rub salt further into his critics' wounds in October's World Cup qualifier against England.

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disastrous season, the domestic cup gave them an avenue to European riches.

Barcelona should encounter little trouble from the Icelandic cup holders Fram Reykjavik, who are on paper one of the weakest sides in the competition.

However, this is precisely the kind of opposition against which the Spaniards tend to struggle and it will be interesting to see whether new coach, Johan Cruyff, can instill the discipline he knows from experience as a player is not a Catalan trait.

Anderlecht's short journey across the French border to play Metz, is one fraught with difficulty for another new coach — Raymond Goethals. The Belgian cup holders will hope that the new season brings a change in last year's abysmal fortunes.

There are two Belgian representatives this season and Mechelen, will begin the defence of their trophy with a less than testing tie against the traditional sacrificial lambs, Avenir Beggen, of Luxembourg.

Sampdoria, who will be at a stage equivalent to pre-season training, will not want to underestimate Norrkoping, given the current upsurge in the fortunes of Swedish football.

There is an interesting Swiss-German clash involving Grasshoppers and Eintracht Frankfurt, in which the latter should advance, indeed, they may well be the dark horses in a tournament where quality is not all that evident.

But there is no doubt that the most intriguing tie involves two sides who would consider even a quarter-final place as a marvellous bonus.

Wrangling

Derry City, a Northern Ireland club, playing the Republic of Ireland league, and FAI Cup holders, against Cardiff City, a Welsh club who participate in the English league offers a splendid irony given their uncertain place in the midst of the wrangling between UEFA and the EEC over the number of non-national club sides should be permitted to play in European competition.

Glenavon, another Northern Ireland club, who represent the IFA, face Aarhus, of Denmark, in a tie that gives them more than an even chance of making the next round.

The UEFA Cup as always provides a crop of interesting ties. The British representatives did not emerge too badly. Even Linfield, for whom European competition is an occupational hazard must fancy their chances against the Finns, Turun Palloseura. The three Scottish clubs must also be favoured to go through, although only Hearts, who play St. Patrick's Athletic, can anticipate a relatively easy ride.

PSV EINDHOVEN'S FINANCIAL EMPIRE

by IAIN MACLEOD

A VISION of the future came face-to-face in Eindhoven, on August 17. At the Philips Stadium, which is home to PSV, the newly-crowned European champions indulged in a high-powered friendly match against Italian champions, Milan.

But this was no ordinary friendly. For, although it had been arranged at the time of Ruud Gullit's £5.7 million transfer from Eindhoven to Milan, it had coincidentally assumed an importance no one could have imagined the previous summer.

It was a clash between two clubs who are now fully committed to altering the structure of the trophy which one holds and the other covets — the European Cup. A clash of financial giants.

PSV are, of course the club of Philips — the most famous factory works club in the world. Philips, the most famous electrical firm in the world are, for their part, also the largest multi-national corporation in Europe.

The union of Philips and PSV which became fully integrated in 1986, was designed with one goal in mind: to make PSV into the leading club side in the world. That, too, would be good for business; after all, a quarter of the town's population work directly or indirectly, for Philips. PSV repaid the faith which had been shown by Philips when, on a beautiful evening in Stuttgart, they beat Benfica on penalties to win the Champions Cup. It was not done in the style PSV may have wished; but the stakes were high.

On the eve of the final the respective presidents of PSV, Milan and Real Madrid, Jaques Ruts, Silvio Berlusconi and Ramon Mendoza, had an unofficial meeting with UEFA to propose a new format for the greatest club trophy on earth. Berlusconi and Mendoza had earlier written to Ruts outlining a radical new proposal: A European Cup initially contested in eight sections of four teams — guaranteeing each club six games — with the winners progressing to the knockout stage.

UEFA's reaction was predictably lukewarm but there seems little doubt that change is on the way. It is, in fact, the possible forerunner to a European league, where the governing force has one common denominator: money.

Kees Ploegsma, the commercial manager of PSV is more aware than most of the high finance involved. Ploegsma believes that a European league which has been in the air for some time "begins to take shape."

He added: "If it does not evolve we will run into a catastrophe. The national championships are dominated by three or four teams and the others are destined to play the role of also-rans. They have no money; no ambition. The project is already on the road."

Ploegsma feels that the gulf is accelerating between the rich and the poor clubs. The entire continent is on the way to change. He accepts, however, that it will not be easy. Hermann Neuberger, FIFA's West German vice-president, told him difficulties arose because countries were afraid for their own competitions.

Ploegsma has already been involved in a series of "strictly commercial meetings", with his counterparts at IFK Goteborg, Juventus and Anderlecht, with the aim of creating a tournament which will have strong links with major corporations. A tournament will be held in Turin in August, 1989, which will see PSV, IFK (Volvo), Juventus (FIAT) and Anderlecht (Generale Banque), compete. It is hoped to extend the tournament to include Matra Racing Paris and the German teams from Bayer.

So, the union between football and industry assumes fresh impetus and Ploegsma, who is both an employee of PSV and Philips — part of his salary is paid by Philips — is, in effect, a businessman who knows exactly what the requirements of businessmen are. His goal, on behalf of the company, of course is "to make PSV into an institution like Benfica and Real Madrid." But, taking PSV from the realms of being a mere provincial club to one of Europe's giants will require money — a lot of money.

Ploegsma, too, one senses wants to prepare for the day when some form of European league becomes a reality. He is not unaware that Ajax still remain the most popular club in The Netherlands and knows the importance of promoting a more popular public image for PSV. Winning the European Cup was the first step; retaining the trophy is important but, whatever happens, the victory in Stuttgart is already guaranteed to earn PSV a king's ransome.

PSV did well from their share of corporate monies in Stuttgart, where total stadium receipts amounted to f2.1 million (£660,000). ISL, the Swiss-based marketing arm of UEFA, raised SW.frs 900,000 (£370,000) for advertising, while TV rights brought f2 million (£630,000) — PSV received 15% and 30%, respectively. They did not do badly either from the semi-final against Real Madrid; total receipts were £270,000.

It is all a far cry from the 1979-80 season when Ploegsma started the long climb to the top. PSV's budget at the time was f3 million (£950,000); it is now f10 million (£3.15m); and in three years time it will be f20 million (£6.35m). "Only in this way can we stay on top", Ploegsma says. "If the club is always on top the market value will stay the same."

Ploegsma feels that the new generation of players are more interested in money than the honour of playing for the club. Hence the need to be in a position to offer contracts where the financial incentives are similar to anything the Latin countries will offer.

Ronald Koeman, PSV's stylish attacking libero is a case in point. Juventus have already tabled a £3.2 million offer despite the fact that Koeman has just signed a new four-year contract. PSV are aware that by holding on to him they will lose money. The club knows that he will depart in two years time but such is their determination to become an accepted member of the European elite that continued success will almost certainly offset the lost revenue incurred when Koeman does go.

The increased budget is also an indication of the club's desire for success. "The Italian and Spanish clubs are always after our players," Ploegsma says. "But if you work for a successful team you can play more games and ask for more money."

But even where Koeman is concerned the corporate identity is obvious. If, as expected Juventus do sign him, one of the conditions of the transfer will be that, future FIAT cars will be built with Philips radios.

But if the game is essentially about players, it is also about the paying public. Ploegsma, although pandering to the needs of businessmen, is fully aware of the need to hold on to spectators. "Matches without spectators will mean nothing," he warns.

The money, therefore, will partially be used to improve, and increase the capacity of the stadium, from its present 27,000 to a possible 40,000. There will, in fact, be a new tribune, but emphasis will also be placed on utilising the stadium for other things. It is hoped to make it into a meeting place for businessmen and 1000 VIP seats will be installed — providing additional income of f5 million (£1.6m) for PSV.

Philips are not the only major concern pouring money into the club; PSV also has, from the beginning of June, signed contracts with 10 secondary sponsors such as Opel, who pay about f350,000 (£100,000) to be associated with the club who are currently one of the best investments in Europe.

PSV also reap a handsome sum from gate receipts, despite having the cheapest ticket prices in the country. Prices have risen this season by 10%, but the cost of a season standing ticket is only f100 (£32) per year; an average of f1.50 per game. The club has sold a record 16,000 season tickets, 2,000 of which were bought by Philips workers, who pay for them in quarterly instalments. Total gate receipts amount to f8.9 million (£2.85 million).

Ronald Koeman

The immediate knock-on effect of PSV's European Cup win will be to increase the number of friendly matches, particularly lucrative tours to Asia and South America. "This is why it is important for us to buy new players," Ploegsma explains. "We will play 70 to 80 games next year — double the number of friendly matches."

Ploegsma's influence even reaches to governmental level and has contacts with the Netherlands Secretary of State for Commerce.

The future will almost certainly revolve around corporate sponsorship. "Gate receipts are less important now," Ploegsma believes, adding that increased sponsorship and television is where the future lies. He can foresee the day when Sky channel and even regional cable channels will broadcast professional football on a regular basis; the contract of the Dutch TV service, NOS, expires in 1990.

Ploegsma, too, foresees difficulties if UEFA implements the rule prohibiting more than four non-nationals from playing in European competition. He does not believe it is a feasible option and gives an ominous warning that PSV may go their own way if UEFA does not move to conform with radical times.

WORLD SOCCER CLUB FOCUS ON FLAMENGO FROM BRIAN HOMEWO

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ASK your average non-World Soccer reading football fan to name some top international football clubs and he will probably come up with Juventus, Real, Liverpool, Bayern Munich and Benfica.

Press him a bit more and he might think of Milan, Barcelona and Ajax. The chances of him mentioning Flamengo are about the same as those of the Bulgarians coming out and playing total football in the next World Cup.

Which is a bit strange really, as Flamengo are the best-supported club in the nation which has the best record in the World Cup and where football is almost a religion amongst many people.

There can't be many clubs where 4,000 people will turn up just to watch the players training. But that's what happens at Flamengo's training ground in Rio de Janeiro before a big match. Flamengo, the club where the bicycle kick was invented, boasts over 30 organised supporters club in Rio alone and can fill the Maracana stadium, the world's biggest with its 160,000 capacity.

Rowing

But because of the way Brazilian and South American soccer is organised Flamengo have won nothing like as many national and international trophies as the top European club and it is because of this that they have never become as well-known internationally.

When Flamengo started out in 1895 they did not even have a football team. They were founded as a rowing club and even today it maintains the title of clube de Regattas do Flamengo.

The football itself did not start until 1912 when some of the top players from the Fluminense club rebelled, broke away and joined Flamengo. That began an intense rivalry between the two clubs and even today 'Fla-Flu' is the most traditional derby match in Brazil. Flamengo got off to a pretty impressive start, beating the unfortunate Mangueira team 18-2 in their first league match. But they lost the first-ever match against arch-rivals Fluminense 3-2: this was something of a surprise as it had been the top players who had joined Flamengo and Fluminense that day won with what was effectively their old reserve team.

Total

Flamengo's first title came in 1914 when they won the Rio de Janeiro — or Carioca — championship. They repeated the achievement the next year and again subsequently in 1920, 1925, 1927, 1939, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1963, 1965, 1972, 1974, 1978, 1979, 1981 and 1986, making a total of 21 victories.

The club's first really successful period came in the late 1930s and the 1940s. During that period they won a hat-trick of Carioca titles with the help of two great players, Domingos de Guia and Leonidas. It was Leonidas who during that period, perfected the bicycle kick.

Also during the 1940s a band began to play during Flamengo's matches. It was led by a famous musician called Jaime do Carvalho and the idea soon caught on amongst the supporters of other clubs. Today all of Brazil's top teams are supported by bands although the present ones consist of drums beating out an infectious samba rhythm, whereas in the early days they consisted more of brass instruments.

But the bands have become a distinctive and integral part of the atmosphere at Brazilian soccer matches. The Maracana stadium actually has a room where instruments can be stored and the drummers are allowed into the stadium six hours before the kick-off free of charge.

Flamengo's hat-trick of titles during the 1940s greatly helped to build up the club's support. In the early years it had been supported mainly by the upper classes. But when the team started winning a lot it won the support of other classes as well.

Today Flamengo are known as the people's team, the team with supporters from all levels of society. Fluminense on the other hand are definitely looked upon as an upper-class team, as are Botafogo.

Vasco da Gama are regarded as the Portuguese side, which is a bit disadvantageous for them as the Brazilians make jokes about the Portuguese in the way the English make jokes about the Irish.

Flamengo won another hat-trick of Carioca titles in the 1950s. In all they have won the title 21 times; this seems quite an impressive statistic but you have to remember that the Carioca championship is only a state competition, not a national one.

Upsets

In fact there are only four clubs who have a realistic chance of winning the title: Flamengo, Fluminense, Vasco and Botafogo, and even Botafogo have not won it since 1968.

The other teams are much smaller and more of second or third division standard. Unlike their counterparts in England they produce few upsets when they confront the major teams.

Brazil has only had an official national championship since 1971 and even this has only ever been a short three-month affair, more of a knockout competition than the year-round leagues played in Europe.

Flamengo have won the title three times officially — four unofficially — which is quite an impressive record considering how long the championship has been going.

In the early years of the championship Flamengo were in a poor spell and they fared pretty badly. But their fortunes began to change with the arrival of two men: Claudio Coutinho and Zico.

The latter, of course, needs little introduction. He played his first professional game for the club in 1972 after being promoted from the youth team and even today at the age of 35 he still is the player the team revolves around — when he is playing.

Coutinho is lesser known but it was under his management that Flamengo were changed from a 'middle-of-the-table' team into a world-conquering one. A former military officer, he had been the physiotherapist for the Brazilian side which won the 1970 World Cup.

Like other managers he was an ex-player. Unlike other managers he had taken the trouble to study physical education after his playing career and the difference paid off.

By the end of the 1970s Flamengo had one of Brazil's best teams although surprisingly there was only one outstanding player, Zico. The rest were what football commentators like to call 'honest, loyal professionals', the type of players Flamengo have relied on throughout their history.

Coutinho, sadly, died in a skin-diving accident, to be succeeded by Paulo Cesar Carpegiani, who had been a player in Coutinho's team. Carpegiani simply had to carry on where Coutinho had left off and under him Flamengo had their best-ever team. In 1980 they won the national championship for the first time.

The next year they won everything in sight — the Carioca title, the Brazilian national championship, the Copa Libertadores and finally the World Club championship.

Kicking

The Libertadores final was a tumultuous affair against Chilean club Cobreloa. Flamengo won the first match in Rio and in the return in Santiago the Chileans went out to win at all costs — successfully. That meant a decider in Montevideo.

Ten minutes from the end of this match Flamengo were leading 3-1 and they decided to get a bit of their own back for all the kicking they had suffered in Santiago. Ancelmo was sent on as substitute to punch Cobreloa defender Mario Soto, whom the Brazilians had regarded the chief troublemaker in Chile and a free-for-all followed which required the riot police to settle, delayed the final whistle for ten minutes and led to two sendings-off.

The world final in Tokyo was considerably calmer. Flamengo enjoyed a comfortable 3-0 win over Liverpool, whom the European teams had found impossible to beat that year, with all three goals coming in the first half.

Flamengo won the national championship again in 1982 but they have not since repeated their triumph in the Libertadores. For the largest country on the continent Brazil has a surprisingly poor record in this competition. They have always felt that the competition is aimed more at the Spanish speaking countries and that referees are always against them.

In addition Brazilian teams generally make losses from competing. The first round of the competition involves matches against teams from lesser countries such as Ecuador, Bolivia and Venezuela.

These involve a lot of travelling and these teams also attract very few supporters to the games in Brazil. It is only in the final itself that the Brazilians have any chance of making a profit.

The Brazilians have never been happy either about the fact that two teams from each country qualify. They felt it was far more successful in the early years when each country had only one representative. The rule was changed in Uruguayan initiative in the 1960s and the Brazilians actually withdrew for a year in protest. In the light of all this, few Brazilians would give a cruzado for the Libertadores.

After the early 1980s Flamengo slumped again and Coutinho suffered the fate that awaits all Brazilian managers when the team does not do well — he was sacked.

His replacement was Sebastiao Lazaroni, who led the team to victory in the 86 Carioca championship before defecting to Vasco. He was replaced by Carlinhos under who Flamengo won the 1987 national league.

Since then of course Flamengo have been stripped of the title by the CBF because of their refusal to play in a tournament with

OD IN RIO DE JANEIRO

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Internacional, Sport and Guarani to decide the 'real' winners of the title.

Last year was the first time the international championship had been played exclusively amongst the top clubs, after they had rebelled against the old format which required them to play matches against minor teams from the interior which produced little interest.

Famous

The new-style competition was generally accepted as a success, as only the 16 top teams had been involved, and attendances were well up on the previous year.

The breakaway had been led by Flamengo president Marcio Braga and many people feel it could finally lead to Brazil having a European style league, with promotion and relegation, in a couple of years time.

But this year has not been good for Flamengo. In addition to being stripped of their title, they lost out in the Carioca championship to Vasco, who beat them on four consecutive occasions. No prizes for guessing what has happened to Carlinhos. . .

Flamengo play nearly all their matches at the famous Maracana stadium which is only about 20 per cent full for many matches. The club's headquarters is in the Gavea district of Rio. It contains the training ground, which has a stand that can accommodate 6,000 supporters, and like all Brazilian football clubs also has a sports club for children.

This has around 500 members, of both sexes, with two gymnasiums for basketball and volleyball, football pitches and a swimming pool.

It probably has more security men than Colditz ever did and is sometimes used for Carioca championship matches against minor teams.

The players

Ze Carlos. Goalkeeper (26). Uncapped. Selected to make the Brazilian tour to Australia and Europe and likely to go to Seoul. Good on crosses and courageous.

Jorginho. Right-back (23). Another player chosen by Carlos Alberto Silva for the tour to Australia and Europe and likely to play in Seoul. He was one of the most important players in the 1987 championship effort. Carries out his defensive duties better than his offensive ones.

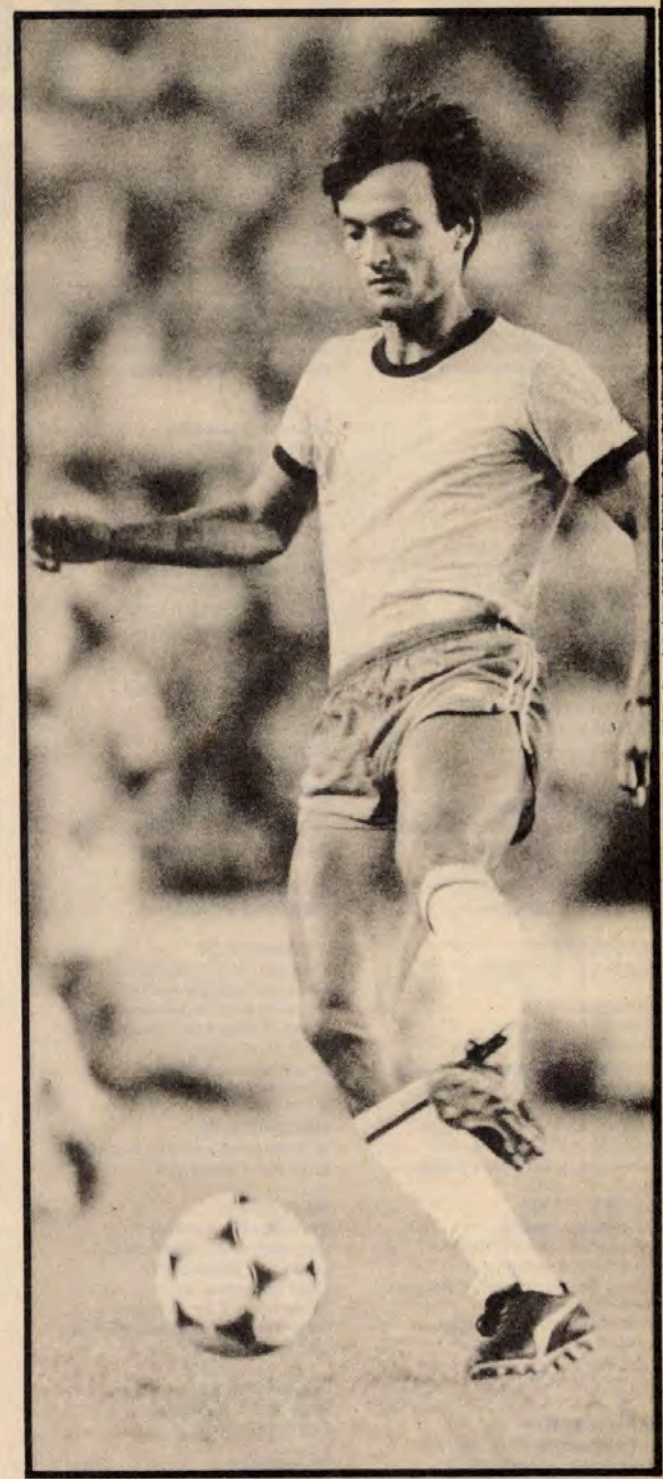
Leandro. Left-back (29). Pulled out amid controversy from the 1986 World Cup squad for Mexico. Victim of injury troubles and is not in the current squad. Off-form this year.

Leonardo. Central defender (19). Has only become a regular this year following injuries to more senior players.

Andrade. Central defender (30). Apart from Zico, he is the only survivor from the 1981 team. His experience stands out a mile — always calm at the back and uses the ball intelligently going forward. Always on the brink of a national team place. Set to join Roma.

Edinho. Central defender (32). A life-long Fluminense player until he went to Italy for a year. On his return he found that Fluminense did not want him back so he did what hurts a Fluminense player more than anything else — joined Flamengo. Played a crucial part in the 1987 championship win, this season he has been troubled by injuries. Played in the '86 World Cup and scored a memorable goal against Poland, breaking up a Polish attack and then running the length of the pitch to score from Careca's pass.

Zico. Midfield (35). Has spent his entire career with Flamengo since he joined the sports club at the age of 12, with the exception of three seasons with Udinese of Italy. He has played 88 times for Brazil, scoring 66 goals, and appearing in three World Cups. He made a sad farewell to international football, missing a penalty against France just minutes after coming on as a substitute in a game which Brazil lost. He has been troubled by a knee problem in the last year but despite this and his age he still shines when he plays. He could well have retired by the time this is published or he could have decided to carry on for another one or two years. When he does not play, Flamengo have two reserves whose task is to fulfil his role. He is no angel, having been sent off four times in his career.



LEANDRO. . . World Cup controversy

Julio Cesar. Midfield (28). The lesser used and less successful of these two players.

Alcindo. Midfield (19). Has replaced Zico with somewhat more success but like Julio Cesar the poor man is expected to come into the side and do the same job as Zico simply because he wears the same number 10 shirt. Both players would probably do much better if the pres and supporters demanded less of them.

Zinho. Midfield (21). Came into the side from the youth team two years ago and has established himself well. Most comfortable when supporting Zico.

Ailton. Midfield (22). Almost identical to Zinho although he started out as a right-back. He has been off-form this year.

Bebeto. Forward (23). Fast and skilful forward, selected for the current Brazilian squad. No caps so far. He has also been watched by the Italians though he is likely to stay with Flamengo for the time being.

Henagio. Forward (21). A potential replacement Roma-bound Renato, but so far he has performed erratically.

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Utrecht v Ajax

NOVEMBER 5/6
Roda JC v PSV
Twente v Haarlem
Sparta v Groningen
PEC Zwolle v Utrecht
Ajax v MVV
Veendam v Feyenoord
Willem II v Volendam
Den Bosch v VVV
Fortuna Sittard v RKC

NOVEMBER 12/13
Groningen v Twente
Haarlem v Roda JC
PSV v RKC
Den Bosch v Fortuna Sittard
VVV v Willem II
Volendam v Veendam
Feyenoord v Ajax
MVV v PEC Zwolle
Utrecht v Sparta

NOVEMBER 26/27
RKC v Haarlem
Roda JC v Groningen
Twente v Utrecht
Sparta v MVV
PEC Zwolle v Feyenoord
Ajax v Volendam
Veendam v VVV
Willem II v Den Bosch
Fortuna Sittard v PSV

DECEMBER 3/4
Groningen v RKC
Haarlem v PSV
Willem II v Fortuna Sittard
Den Bosch v Veendam
VVV v Ajax
Volendam v PEC Zwolle
Feyenoord v Sparta
MVV v Twente
Utrecht v Roda JC

DECEMBER 10/11
Haarlem v Fortuna Sittard
PSV v Groningen
RKC v Utrecht
Roda JC v MVV
Twente v Feyenoord
Sparta v Volendam
PEC Zwolle v VVV
Ajax v Den Bosch
Veendam v Willem II

DECEMBER 17/18
Groningen v Haarlem
Willem II v Ajax
Den Bosch v PEC Zwolle
VVV v Sparta
Volendam v Twente
Feyenoord v Roda JC
MVV v RKC
Utrecht v PSV
Fortuna Sittard v Veendam

JANUARY 21/22
Groningen v Fortuna Sittard
Haarlem v Utrecht
PSV v MVV
RKC v Feyenoord
Roda JC v Volendam
Twente v VVV
Sparta v Den Bosch
PEC Zwolle v Willem II
Ajax v Veendam

JANUARY 28/29
Veendam v PEC Zwolle
Willem II v Sparta
Den Bosch v Twente
VVV v Roda JC
Volendam v RKC
Feyenoord v PSV
MVV v Haarlem
Utrecht v Groningen
Fortuna Sittard v Ajax

FEBRUARY 11/12
Groningen v MVV
Haarlem v Feyenoord
PSV v Volendam
RKC v VVV
Roda JC v Den Bosch
Twente v Willem II
Sparta v Veendam
PEC Zwolle v Ajax
Utrecht v Fortuna Sittard

FEBRUARY 18/19
Ajax v Sparta
Veendam v Twente
Willem II v Roda JC
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VVV v PSV
Volendam v Haarlem
Feyenoord v Groningen
MVV v Utrecht
Fortuna Sittard v PEC Zwolle

FEBRUARY 25/26
Groningen v Volendam
Haarlem v VVV
PSV v Den Bosch
RKC v Willem II
Roda JC v Veendam
Twente v Ajax
Sparta v PEC Zwolle
MVV v Fortuna Sittard
Utrecht v Feyenoord

MARCH 4/5
PEC Zwolle v Twente
Ajax v Roda JC
Veendam v RKC
Willem II v PSV
Den Bosch v Haarlem
VVV v Groningen
Volendam v Utrecht
Feyenoord v MVV
Fortuna Sittard v Sparta

MARCH 11/12
Groningen v Den Bosch
Haarlem v Willem II
PSV v Veendam
RKC v Ajax
Roda JC v PEC Zwolle
Twente v Sparta
Feyenoord v Fortuna Sittard
MVV v Volendam
Utrecht v VVV

MARCH 18/19
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Fortuna Sittard v Twente

MARCH 25
Groningen v Veendam
Haarlem v Ajax
PSV v PEC Zwolle
RKC v Sparta
Roda JC v Twente
Volendam v Fortuna Sittard
Feyenoord v VVV
MVV v Den Bosch
Utrecht v Willem II

MARCH 27
Twente v RKC
Sparta v PSV
PEC Zwolle v Haarlem
Ajax v Groningen
Veendam v Utrecht
Willem II v MVV
Den Bosch v Feyenoord
VVV v Volendam
Fortuna Sittard v Roda JC

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Groningen v PEC ZWolle
Haarlem v Sparta
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Volendam v Den Bosch
Feyenoord v Willem II
MVV v Veendam
Utrecht v Ajax

APRIL 8/9
Roda JC v PSV
Twente v Haarlem
Sparta v Groningen
PEC Zwolle v Utrecht
Ajax v MVV
Veendam v Feyenoord
Willem II v Volendam
Den Bosch v VVV
Fortuna Sittard v RKC

APRIL 15/16
Groningen v Twente
Haarlem v Roda JC
PSV v RKC
Den Bosch v Fortuna Sittard
VVV v Willem II
Volendam v Veendam
Feyenoord v Ajax
MVV v PEC Zwolle
Utrecht v Sparta

APRIL 29/30
RKC v Haarlem
Roda JC v Groningen
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Den Bosch v Veendam
VVV v Ajax
Volendam v PEC Zwolle
Feyenoord v Sparta
MVV v Twente
Utrecht v Roda JC

MAY 15
Haarlem v Fortuna Sittard
PSV v Groningen
RKC v Utrecht
Roda JC v MVV
Twente v Feyenoord
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MAY 20/21
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ITALY

OCTOBER 9
Ascoli v Inter
Cesena v Lazio
Como v Juventus
Verona v Lecce
Milan v Fiorentina
Napoli v Atalanta
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Pisa v Bologna
Torino v Sampdoria

OCTOBER 15
Atalanta v Verona
Bologna v Roma
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Inter v Pisa
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OCTOBER 23
Ascoli v Juventus
Cesena v Fiorentina
Como v Bologna
Verona v Inter
Milan v Lazio
Napoli v Pescara
Pisa v Sampdoria
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Torino v Atalanta

OCTOBER 30
Atalanta v Bologna
Cesena v Napoli
Fiorentina v Torino
Inter v Roma
Juventus v Milan
Lazio v Como
Lecce v Pisa
Pescara v Verona
Sampdoria v Ascoli

NOVEMBER 6
Ascoli v Pescara
Bologna v Juventus
Como v Lecce
Fiorentina v Atalanta
Verona v Milan
Inter v Sampdoria
Napoli v Lazio
Roma v Pisa
Torino v Cesena

NOVEMBER 20
Cesena v Roma
Como v Inter
Juventus v Napoli
Lazio v Verona
Lecce v Ascoli
Milan v Atalanta
Pescara v Torino
Pisa v Fiorentina
Sampdoria v Bologna

NOVEMBER 27
Ascoli v Pisa
Atalanta v Pescara
Bologna v Lazio
Fiorentina v Sampdoria
Verona v Como
Inter v Cesena
Juventus v Lecce
Napoli v Milan
Roma v Torino

DECEMBER 4
Cesena v Bologna
Como v Ascoli
Lazio v Atalanta
Milan v Lecce
Napoli v Fiorentina
Pexcara v Inter
Pisa v Juventus
Sampdoria v Roma
Torino v Verona

DECEMBER 11
Ascoli v Cesena
Atalanta v Pisa
Bologna v Torino
Fiorentina v Pescara
Verona v Napoli
Juventus v Sampdoria
Lecce v Lazio
Milan v Inter
Roma v Como

DECEMBER 18
Ascoli v Roma
Cesena v Atalanta
Como v Fiorentina
Inter v Juventus
Lazio v Pescara
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Sampdoria v Lecce
Torino v Milan

JANUARY 1
Atalanta v Como
Bologna v Ascoli
Verona v Fiorentina
Juventus v Torina
Lecce v Inter
Milan v Sampdoria
Pescara v Cesena
Pisa v Lazio
Roma v Napoli

JANUARY 8
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Cesena v Milan
Como v Pisa
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JANUARY 15
Atalanta v Ascoli
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Fiorentina v Juventus
Verona v Cesena
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Milan v Como
Mapoli v Inter
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JANUARY 22
Ascoli v Torino
Bologna v Verona
Como v Pescara
Inter v Lazio
Juventus v Atalanta
Lecce v Fiorentina
Pisa v Cesena
Roma v Milan
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JANUARY 29
Atalanta v Inter
Cesena v Lecce
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Pescara v Bologna
Torino v Como

FEBRUARY 5
Ascoli v Milan
Bologna v Fiorentina
Como v Cesena
Inter v Torino
Juventus v Pescara
Lecce v Atalanta
Pisa v Napoli
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Sampdoria v Lazio

FEBRUARY 12
Atalanta v Roma
Cesena v Sampdoria
Fiorentina v Inter
Verona v Juventus
Lazio v Ascoli
Milan v Bologna
Napoli v Como
Pescara v Pisa
Torino v Lecce

FEBRUARY 19
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Lazio v Cesena
Juventus v Como
Lecce v Verona
Fiorentina v Milan
Atalanta v Napoli
Roma v Pescara
Bologna v Pisa
Sampdoria v Torino

FEBRUARY 26
Verona v Atalanta
Roma v Bologna
Ascoli v Fiorentina
Pisa v Inter
Cesena v Juventus
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Milan v Pescara
Como v Sampdoria

MARCH 5 23
Juventus v Ascoli
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Lazio v Milan
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Atalanta v Torino

MARCH 12
Bologna v Atalanta
Napoli v Cesena
Torino v Fiorentina
Roma v Inter
Milan v Juventus
Como v Lazio
Pisa v Lecce
Verona v Pescara
Ascoli v Sampdoria

MARCH 19
Pescara v Ascoli
Juventus v Bologna
Lecce v Como
Atalanta v Fiorentina
Milan v Verona
Sampdoria v Inter
Lazio v Napoli
Pisa v Roma
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APRIL 2
Roma v Cesena
Inter v Como
Napoli v Juventus
Verona v Lazio
Ascoli v Lecce
Atalanta v Milan
Torino v Pescara
Fiorentina v Pisa
Bologna v Sampdoria

APRIL 9
Pisa v Ascoli
Pescara v Atalanta
Lazio v Bologna
Sampdoria v Fiorentina
Como v Verona
Cesena v Inter
Lecce v Juventus
Milan v Napoli
Torino v Roma

APRIL 16
Bologna v Cesena
Ascoli v Como
Atalanta v Lazio
Lecce v Milan
Fiorentina v Napoli
Inter v Pescara
Juventus v Pisa
Roma v Sampdoria
Verona v Torino

APRIL 30
Cesena v Ascoli
Pisa v Atalanta
Torino v Bologna
Pescara v Fiorentina
Napoli v Verona
Sampdoria v Juventus
Lazio v Lecce
Inter v Milan
Como v Romo

MAY 7
Roma v Ascoli
Atalanta v Cesena
Fiorentina v Como
Juventus v Inter
Pescara v Lazio
Bologna v Napoli
Verona v Pisa
Lecce v Sampdoria
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MAY 14
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JUNE 4
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Verona v Bologna
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SEPTEMBER 3
Inter v Olt
Arges v Craiova
Rapid v Cluj Napoca
Otelul v Brasov
Constanta v Steaua
Bacau v ASA Tirgu Mures
Victoria v Corvinul
Bihor v Dinamo
Sportul v Flacara Moreni

SEPTEMBER 11
Steaua v Otelul
Flacara Moreni v Constanta
Brasov v Bacau
Corvinul v Bihor
ASA Tirgu Mures v Victoria
Dinamo v Inter
Olt v Arges
Craiova v Rapid
Cluj Napoca v Sportul

SEPTEMBER 14
Inter v Corvinul
Arges v Dinamo
Rapid v Olt
Otelul v Constanta
Bacau v Steaua
Victoria v Brasov
Bihor v ASA Tirgu Mures
Cluj Napoca v Flacara Moreni
Sportul v Craiova

SEPTEMBER 17
Steaua v Victoria
Constanta v Bacau
Flacara Moreni — Otelul
Brasov v Bihor
Corvinul v Arges
ASA Tirgu Mures v Inter
Dinamo v Rapid
Olt v Sportul
Craiova v Cluj Napoca

SEPTEMBER 25
Inter v Brasov
Arges v ASA Tirgu Mures
Rapid v Corvinul
Bacau v Otelul
Victoria v Constanta
Bihor v Steaua
Cluj Napoca v Olt
Sportul v Dinamo
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OCTOBER 9
Inter v Constanta
Arges v Steaua
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Victoria v Bacau
Bihor v Otelul
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Sportul v ASA Tirgi Mures
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OCTOBER 12
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Bacau v Bihor
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NOVEMBER 13
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SEPTEMER 4
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Celta v Cadiz
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Oviedo v Real Sociedad

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SEPTEMBER 18
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Murcia v Elche
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Zaragoza v Sporting
Real Madrid v Real Sociedad

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Celta v Valencia
Murcia v Osasuna
Barcelona v Sporting
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Zaragoza v Betis
Oviedo v Real Madrid

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Barcelona v Betis
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Sporting v Logrones
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Real Madrid v Barcelona
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DECEMBER 4
Valencia v Oviedo
Osasuna v Elche
Sporting v Espanol
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Osasuna v Oviedo
Sporting v Valencia
Real Sociedad v Elche
Betis v Espanol
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Murcia v Athletic
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Osasuna v Sporting
Valencia v Real Sociedad
Elche v Betis
Espanol v Real Madrid
Malaga v Zaragoza
Cadiz v Valladolid
Atletico Madrid v Barcelona
Sevilla v Murcia
Athletic v Celta
Oviedo v Logrones

JANUARY 8
Oviedo v Sporting
Real Sociedad v Osasuna
Betis v Valencia
Real Madrid v Elche
Zaragoza v Espanol
Valladolid v Malaga
Barcelona v Cadiz
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Athletic v Atletico Madrid
Logrones v Cadiz
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Murcia v Espanol
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Real Madrid v Sporting
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FEBRUARY 19
Atletico Madrid v Sevilla
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Betis v Zaragoza
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Sporting v Celta
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Betis v Barcelona
Real Madrid v Valladolid
Zaragoza v Oviedo

APRIL 2
Oviedo v Malaga
Cadiz v Espanol
Atletico Madrid v Elche
Sevilla v Valencia
Athletic v Osasuna
Logrones v Sporting
Celta v Real Sociedad
Murcia v Betis
Barcelona v Real Madrid
Valladolid v Zaragoza

APRIL 9
Espanol v Malaga
Elche v Cadiz
Valencia v Atletico Madrid
Osasuna v Sevilla
Sporting v Athletic
Real Sociedad v Logrones
Betis v Celta
Real Madrid v Murcia
Zaragoza v Bareclona
Valladolid v Oviedo

APRIL 16
Oviedo v Espanol
Malaga v Elche
Cadiz v Valencia
Atletico Madrid v Osasuna
Sevilla v Sporting
Athletic v Real Sociedad
Logrones v Betis
Celta v Real Madrid
Murcia v Zaragoza
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APRIL 30
Elche v Espanol
Valencia v Malaga
Osasuna v Cadiz
Sporting v Atletico Madrid
Real Sociedad v Sevilla
Betis v Athletic
Real Madrid v Logrones
Zaragoza v Celta
Valladolid v Murcia
Barcelona v Oviedo

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Espanol v Valencia
Malagav Osasuna
Cadiz v Sporting
Atletico Madrid v Real Sociedad
Sevilla v Betis
Athletic v Real Madrid
Logrones v Zaragoza
Celta v Valladolid
Murcia v Bareclona

MAY 14
Valencia v Elche
Osasuna v Espanol
Sporting v Malaga
Real Sociedad v Cadiz
Betis v Atletico Madrid
Real Madrid v Sevilla
Zaragoza v Athletic
Valladolid v Logrones
Barcelona v Celta
Murcia v Oviedo

MAY 21
Oviedo v Valencia
Elche v Osasuna
Espanol v Sporting
Malaga v Real Sociedad
Cadiz v Betis
Atletico Madrid v Real Madrid
Sevilla v Zaragoza
Athletic v Valladolid
Logrones v Barcelona
Celta v Murcia

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Osasuna v Valencia
Sporting v Elche
Real Sociedad v Espanol
Betis v Malaga
Real Madrid v Cadiz
Zaragoza v Atletico Madrid
Valladolid v Sevilla
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Murcia v Logrones
Celta v Oviedo

JUNE 6
Oviedo v Osasuna
Valencia v Sporting
Elche v Real Sociedad
Espanol v Betis
Malaga v Real Madrid
Cadiz v Zaragoza
Atletico Madrid v Valladolid
Sevilla v Barcelona
Athletic v Murcia
Logrones v Celta

JUNE 11
Sporting v Osasuna
Real Sociedad v Valencia
Betis v Elche
Real Madrid v Espanol
Zaragoza v Malaga
Valladolid v Cadiz
Barcelona v Atletico Madrid
Murcia v Sevilla
Celta v Athletic
Logrones v Oviedo

JUNE 18
Sporting v Oviedo
Osasuna v Real Sociedad
Valencia v Betis
Elche v Real Madrid
Espanol v Zaragoza
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OCTOBER 22
Koln v Werder Bremen
St Pauli v Bor.Dortmund
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Werder Bremen v B.Uerdingen
B.M'gladbach v Nurnberg
Kaiserslautern v Eintr.Frankfurt

NOVEMBER 5
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St Pauli v Bayern Munich
VfB Stuttgart v Hamburg
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DECEMBER 3
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Hamburg v B.M'gladbach
VfB Stuttgart v Werder Bremen
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Bochum v Stuttgart K.
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Karlsruhe v Hannover
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Werder Bremen v Kaiserslautern

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APRIL 15
Bayer Leverkusen v Koln
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Werder Bremen v Stuttgart K.
Bor.Dortmund v Bayern Munich
Karlsruhe v E.Frankfurt
VfB Stuttgart v Bochum
Hamburg v Nurnberg
Kaiserslautern v B.Uerdingen
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Bochum v Hamburg
E.Frankfurt v VfB Stuttgart
W.Mannheim v Karlsruhe
Bayern Munich v Hannover
Stuttgart K. v Bor.Dortmund
St Pauli v Werder Bremen
Koln v B.M'gladbach
Nurnberg v Kaiserslautern

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VfB Stuttgart v Karlsruhe
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B.Leverkusen v Kaiserslautern

MORE FIXTURES NEXT MONTH

Paul Merson celebrates after scoring Arsenal's first goal against Tottenham.

Bayern Munich's Armin Eck clashes with AC Milan defender Angelo Colombo.

WEMBLEY INTERNATIONAL REPORT BY LOUISE TAYLOR

RUUD GULLIT was injured, Wembley was a third full and watching Tottenham was an embarrassment. Yet the pre-season quadrangular international tournament involving AC Milan, Arsenal, Bayern Munich and Tottenham could prove to have a long-term significance undreamt of by the stayaway thousands.

Supporters who stayed at home were able to watch Arsenal secure the tournament and a first prize of £60,000 from the comfort of their armchairs.

Millions of television screens told the same story throughout Europe and, for the first time, in the USA.

With football and television currently entwined in an increasingly serious and symbiotic long-term affair, the Wembley international tournament could be a forerunner of televised football extravaganzas to come.

Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian TV magnate, who also owns Milan, was well aware of the immense popularity of such prestige football events when shown on television in his own country (such tournaments are common features of the European pre-season period) when he agreed to Milan's involvement at Wembley.

Worldwide television coverage equates with financial success and if UK viewers appreciate cocktails of English and continental football served up in this way, the future of August's event and others like it will be assured.

Nevertheless, the international tournament was timed for convenience and expedience rather than with anything too long- term in mind.

And, with the English season set to kick off a couple of weeks earlier next year, there may have to be some juggling of the calendar in order to accommodate it around forthcoming seasons.

It is therefore unlikely that this particular competition will, in the words of David Griffiths, chief executive of Wembley, emerge as 'part of the football calendar as much as the FA Cup Final.'

Football-wise it lacked the urgency, passion and sheer unadulterated excitement of a Cup Final, but flashes of superlative artistic flair from Rijkaard, Virdis, the ever-impressive Van Basten and, to a lesser extent, Arsenal's David Rocastle and Brian Marwood compensated for the lack of atmosphere by providing true aficionados with some moments to savour.

Creative

Making only his fifth appearance in Arsenal colours following a £600,000 move from Sheffield Wednesday last spring, Marwood proved the chief undoer of Spurs in the opening match which saw the first-ever pairing of the great North London rivals at Wembley.

Marwood took maximum advantage of creative endeavour by Rocastle and Lee Dixon to score twice in the second half after 20-year-old Paul Merson had shot Arsenal into a first half lead and before Alan Smith secured a comfortable 4-0 win in the dying minutes.

It was rather too comfortable for Terry Venables, the Tottenham manager whose £5 million worth of recent acquisitions on show included the £2.3 million Paul Gascoigne and £1.7 million Paul Stewart from Newcastle United and Manchester City respectively.

Alarmingly for the White Hart Lane faithful, Spurs resembled a bunch of strangers meeting for a Sunday morning kickabout in the local park and their lack of cohesion and confidence made them appear unlikely challengers to the Anfield Football League hegemony for this season at least.

However as Venables, who was a regular participant in such events during his Barcelona days, said perhaps it was a 'little too early' for his developing team to come under the unforgiving glare of the media microscope.

Milan were the subject of a quizzically raised eyebrow or three after an announcement that the man heralded as the main attraction — the dynamic, dreadlocked ,total footballer Ruud Gullit — would play on the second day was reversed after he failed a fitness test on an injured right knee in Hyde Park on the Sunday morning.

The fact that the inspiration behind Holland's recent European success was confined to press box rather than the patch of turf beneath the twin towers, failed to prevent Milan from beating Bayern Munich, the pre-tournament favourites, 1-0 in the second match with some purist football that was in marked contrast to the way Arsenal had moments earlier bludgeoned Spurs into submission.

The Italian season was not yet

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underway, yet Milan were neat, quick, sharp and incisive. The skill factor was particularly appreciated in the light of the fact that they were performed on a pitch ravaged by the summertime struttings of Michael Jackson and assorted American footballers.

Yet Van Basten looked every inch the Dutch master who had bamboozled defenders in West Germany, and Rijkaard, freed from his orthodox defensive role with Holland into a creative midfield slot, was threading some glorious passes.

A Milan goal was inevitable and it came 12 minutes from time, delivered with clinical efficacy from the boot of the moustachioed veteran Virdis.

Milan had achieved a satisfactory half-time lead without fully exerting themselves and their dependence on class and quality rather than the work ethic carrying them through, increased in the second half.

In terms of match fitness, Bayern enjoyed the advantage that the Bundesliga season was already underway and arrived with their confidence boosted by an 11-2 German Cup victory the previous weekend.

Yet, next to Milan, their

New Tottenham signing Paul Gascoigne made an unforgettable debut at Wembley.

Dutch star Frank Rijkaard enjoyed a winning start for AC Milan against Bayern Munich.

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inferiority ran deeper than the scoreline suggests, and considering the Italian campaign had not yet started, that might augur well for the Italian Champions' chances in the European Cup.

Certainly they never gave the impression of fully extending themselves, preferring to tease rather than truly torment their opponents.

To be fair, Bayern have lost former stalwarts of the calibre of Pfaff, Matthaus, Brehme and Michael Rummenigge, acquiring six new players in their stead this summer.

Jigsaw

The signings include Reuter, Thon and Ekstrom so perhaps, like Spurs, they should be permitted time to allow the jigsaw to fall into place.

With Thon and Ekstrom substituted only 15 minutes into the second half, the crowd of just over 30,000 — barely break even for Wembley Stadium — could be forgiven for travelling home feeling that they had been short-changed in terms of star material.

Sunday morning dawned with Spurs fans experiencing a sinking feeling that they faced the prospect of a lunchtime date with the mighty Milanese.

North London misgivings appeared fully justified when Milan quickly went two up through Virdis and Van Basten.

Having assumed their lead, the Italians once again strolled through the game without ever bothering to get out of second gear.

Former England defender Terry Fenwick countered with a second half consolation effort for Tottenham but with the Londoners completely mentally outsmarted, the final 2-1 scoreline was deceptive.

Admittedly, Tottenham had improved on their Saturday showing — they had to — but they could offer nothing anywhere as uplifting as Milan's accomplished one-touch football.

Milan were perhaps unfortunate to lose out to Arsenal on goal difference and it was ironic that the top two never played each other.

Supposedly to retain the public interest, the continental format dictated that rather than being a traditional sudden-death competition with play-offs for third and fourth place, the tournament was based on a points system which ensured all- embracing interest by making it possible for a team to lose their first match but still emerge overall winners with the final kick on Sunday.

Hence the winners of Saturday's first match played the losers of the second and vice versa.

Penalties were designated as the ultimate means of settling the final but Arsenal's 3-0 Sunday success against Bayern deemed that unnecessary.

Bayern looked to be missing the midfield bite previously provided by the tenacious Matthaus against an Arsenal side including only one player with European experience (Paul Davis).

That didn't stop the Londoners from sealing success with three late goals from Smith (twice) and Dixon which were just reward for the constructive creativity deployed by Davis, Rocastle and Marwood.

The outcome of an Arsenal v Milan final would have been debatable but George Graham was justified in his after-match comments when he said: "We're not used to playing teams with sweepers and who pack their midfield. We struggled against Bayern in the first half. But once we got to grips with it, it was their turn to struggle.

"We have a lot of assets the continentals would love to have."

Saturday, August 13

Arsenal 4 (Merson 32, Marwood 75 and 82, Smith 88)
Tottenham 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** J.Worrall (Eng).

Arsenal: Lukic — Dixon, O'Leary (Bould), Adams, Winterburn — Rocastle, Thomas, Davis — Smith, Merson (Hayes), Marwood.

Tottenham: Mimms — Mabbutt, Fairclough, Fenwick, Stimson — Waddle, Gascoigne, Allen, Samways (Gray) — Stewart (Howells), Walsh.

Bayern Munich 0
AC Milan 1 (Virdis 33)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,468. **Ref:** N.Midgeley (Eng).

Bayern Munich: Aumann — Nachtweih, Pflugler, Grahammer, Augenthaler, Flick — Kogl, Reuter, Wohlfarth — Thon (Wegmann), Ekstroem (Eck).

AC Milan: Galli — Tassotti, Mussi, Colombo, Costacurta — Baresi, Donadoni, Rijkaard, Van Basten — Evani (Cappellini), Virdis (Massaro).

Sunday, August 14

Tottenham 1 (Fenwick 60)
AC Milan 2 (Virdis 12, Van Basten 14)
HT: 0-2. **Ref:** G.Courtney (Eng)

Tottenham: Mimms — Thomas, Hughton, Fenwick, Fairclough — Mabbutt, Walsh (Moran), Gascoigne — Waddle, Stewart, Allen.

AC Milan: Galli — Tassotti, Mussi (Bianchi), Colombo (Massaro), Costacurta — Baresi, Donadoni, Rijkaard, Van Basten, — Evani, Virdis.

Arsenal 3 (Smith 72 and 77, Dixon 86)
Bayern Munich 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 27,369. **Ref:** K.Hackett (Eng).

Arsenal: Lukic — Dixon, Winterburn, Thomas, Bould, Adams — Rocastle (Richardson), Davis — Smith, Merson (Hayes), Marwood.

Bayern Munich: Aumann — Nachtweih, Plugler, Johnson, Augenthaler, Bayerschmidt (Flick) — Eck, Reuter, Wegmann — Thon, Ekstroem (Wohlfarth).

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by DERICK ALLSOP

TONY COTTEE'S arrival at Goodison Park could prove a significant psychological victory in Colin Harvey's campaign to lead Everton back to the pinnacle of English football.

Britain's second £2-million footballer will, along with his new manager, ultimately be judged on his goalscoring over this and subsequent seasons.

But merely by beating Arsenal in the contest to sign the striker from West Ham United, Everton have given substance to their claim that they are ready to challenge Liverpool again for the League Championship.

It is a demonstration of ambition that should lift spirits in the dressing room and on the terraces after a season that faded into a pale reflection of the club's recent past.

As reigning champions they were expected to put up a stubborn defence, yet in fact were distinctly feeble. No-one, of course, could contain Liverpool, but at least others in the pack chased with more sustained vigour and purpose.

At the end of the season Arsenal, ironically, exposed the frailties of the Everton side in a match at Goodison Park. Arsenal looked the team of promise, the team with a sense of direction. Everton had become stale and ineffective.

Certainly the club had its share of injuries to contend with, but then that had also been a burden the previous season and they were able to carry it all the way to the title.

Disenchantment spread among the fans and the players. Transfer speculators homed in on several famous names and Kevin Sheedy, the Republic of Ireland international midfield player, made no secret of his wish to move on.

Peter Reid, Trevor Steven, Gary Stevens and Ian Snodin were all linked with other clubs. Doubts were cast over the future of Adrian Heath and Wayne Clarke as they struggled for form and regular places. Eventually Stevens went to Rangers for a staggering £1,250,000. Derek Mountfield, Alan Harper and Alec Chamberlain also departed. Sheedy had his request granted and was put on the transfer list.

The inevitable Merseyside inquest raised questions about the stewardship of Harvey. As right-hand man to Howard Kendall he enjoyed success and was rightly acclaimed for his part in Everton's achievements.

But he is not the first man to discover there is a wide gulf between the roles of No.1 and No.2. From living and working with the players, sometimes operating as a buffer between them and the manager, he suddenly found himself in the seat of power and absolute responsibility. The demands and pressures are immense, particularly at a club like Everton.

Most successful managers will tell you they distance themselves from the players to a certain and essential extent. That may not have been easy for Harvey. Perhaps, it was suggested, he was simply not meant to be the boss, that he didn't have the presence or qualities of leadership the job required.

It would be harsh – indeed unfair – to write off Harvey after one season, but clearly the coming months will be critical to his career. His activity through the summer indicates he is well aware of the task ahead.

Harvey recognised that his side needed an overhaul. It needed fresh faces, fresh ideas, fresh enthusiasm. The board agreed and gave him the financial backing to restructure.

Stuart McCall, a combative midfield player, was bought from Bradford City; Pat Nevin, the enormously gifted winger, was signed from Chelsea, Neil McDonald, a widely admired full-back, joined from Newcastle United.

There was little feeling of loss at Goodison when England right-back Stevens went to Rangers. Especially since they managed to corner Rangers and extract such a huge fee.

An independent tribunal fixed the fee for his replacement, McDonald, at £525,000. That was £75,000 more than Everton's valuation but £350,000 less than Newcastle's asking price. Again, Goodison officials were highly satisfied with business.

Sheedy was made available for transfer accompanied by reports that he was 'rated at around £1m.' That may prove an optimistic assessment, even for Everton in this negotiating form!

Sheedy's poise and splendid left foot have earned him considerable praise, but one source close to Everton told me: 'He's not really a winner – and we need winners.'

There you have the current mood of Goodison.

Cottee, Everton believe, will be a winner. They desperately wanted a partner for Graeme Sharp and, having missed out to Tottenham in the bidding for Paul Stewart, produced the money to lure Cottee away from London.

Cottee has picked up a signing on fee of at least £200,000, a salary of more than £150,000 a year and has the prospect of generous bonuses. Arsenal manager George Graham admitted: "I just couldn't compete."

The eventual transfer fee was a subject of dispute. Cottee's agent gave the figure at £2.2 million – with extras of £300,000 – but Everton maintained they paid £2 million, the amount Tottenham paid Newcastle for Paul Gascoigne a few weeks earlier. Even at £2 million, it took Everton's summer spending to £4.2m. Four sales had recouped more than £2 million and Sheedy was still available.

Cottee, 23, announced that he decided to join Everton rather than Arsenal because Harvey had

PERHAPS the most significant – and gratifying — development in Scottish football in the last couple of years has been its willingness to reach new frontiers in the quest for betterment, writes GLENN GIBBONS.

There is a cosmopolitanism about the game now which was almost unthinkable before Graeme Souness arrived at Ibrox in 1986 and introduced his policy of bringing together what he believed to be the best players on the market regardless of their geographical origins.

This is not to say that the Rangers manager has always got it right in the judgement of his recruits' ability. Indeed, there are many who have arrived at and left the great stadium on the south bank of the Clyde without making an impression.

But, if nothing else, Rangers have created a climate which previously unattainable players now wish to enjoy.

Even as the new season opened on August 13, Celtic had gone to Leicester to pluck goalkeeper Ian Andrews for £300,000, and Dundee United manager Jim McLean had brought former Arsenal striker Raphael Meade from Sporting Lisbon and Yugoslavian international defender Miodraj Kripokavic from Red Star Belgrade to Tayside.

These were seen to be astute moves immediately as Celtic beat Hearts 1-0 at home and United beat St Mirren away by the same score on opening day in the Premier Division championship.

The songs on the bus home to Dundee that evening had hardly died away when McLean was off to West Germany in an attempt to sign a player – whose identity he would not divulge – to strengthen his squad for the UEFA Cup first round tie against Floriana of Malta. He failed in that attempt, but, as they say, it's the thought that counts.

Celtic manager Billy McNeill, in common with McLean, Souness, Alex MacDonald of Hearts and Alex Smith of Aberdeen – he has already plundered Dutch football for goalkeeper Theo Snelders and midfielder Paul Mason – is constantly looking for fresh troops for the war at home and in Europe.

The difference now is the horizons are much more distant.

SHAMROCK ROVING . . .

by SEAN CREEDON

SHAMROCK ROVERS, Eire's best known club who have won the League of Ireland Championship a record 14 times, has been sold. The Kilcoyne family, who bought the club from the Cunningham family in 1972, have now sold the franchise to a group of former patrons headed by John McNamara.

But the Kilcoynes will retain ownership of Glenmalure Park, Milltown, the former home of Rovers, which they intend to sell to developers. Next season The Hoops will share Dalymount Park with their great Dublin rivals Bohemians.

Former Derry City boss Noel King will be the Rovers player-manager but four weeks before the start of the season, he was left with only two of the squad that helped Rovers win the Eire Championship four years in a row from 1984-1987.

Four of the best players – Doolin, Brady, Neville and Larkin – were snapped up by Derry City manager Jim McLaughlin while talks were going on to save the club.

McLaughlin was, of course, the man who ousted King from Derry last season and he had earlier led Rovers to the first three of their four in a row. Prior to that he was manager of Dundalk, the team he will be trying to dethrone next season.

The Rebublic of Ireland supporters' who did their country proud in West Germany last June will not be travelling to Windsor Park, Belfast for their opening World Cup game on September 14.

The Irish Football Association have put a capacity of 24,000 on Windsor park for security and fire safety and will be giving only a few tickets to the FAI in Dublin.

However, RTE, the Irish Television station, are hoping to show what will only be the third meeting of the 'Two Irelands' live.

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convinced him he would have a greater opportunity of success at Goodison. (We can only surmise the contract had a little influence on the verdict, too.)

He said: "Everton and Arsenal are two great clubs. It was a big decision for me, but I'm certain I've made the right one. I was still thinking about Arsenal right at the last minute, but I want to win trophies and titles and I feel I have a better chance at Goodison than Highbury.

"A lot of things went wrong for me last season and I needed to get away and make a complete change. I needed a new challenge and now I'm starting a new life. I don't think I will have any trouble settling in and I'm looking forward to it. I'm sure I'll suit their style of play and score a lot of goals for them.

"Graeme Sharp was a major influence on my decision. I feel he's the best centre-forward in Britain and I'm sure we'll form a lethal partnership.

"The manager explained my role in things and after listening to him for a couple of hours I just knew it was the club for me. His ideas on the game met my own and he is desperate to snatch the title back from Liverpool.

"The fact we are just half a mile away from the most successful club in Britain is a challenge for me, not a frightener. They have set the standards for the rest of us to follow and if I can play a part in helping Everton knock them off their perch I will have achieved something worthwhile"

But what about the burden of that massive fee? "If I don't do the business the Press will have every right to say I'm not worth £2 million," he said.

Harvey was anxious to have his say on that point. "He didn't set the price and he didn't pay it," declared the manager. "He's just got to go out and enjoy himself, win something and score goals for us.

"If you want something you have to pay for it. West Ham had Cottee under contract, we wanted him and had to fork out the asking price. If he helps us to win the game's top honours it will prove money well spent."

SUPPORTERS SHOULD BE GIVEN A SAY

IT'S time that the supporters — the people who keep our game alive and in pocket — should have their say as to whether English clubs should be allowed back into Europe, says Rogan Taylor, chairman of the Football Supporters' Association and organiser of the Back to Europe Campaign.

Taylor founded the FSA in September 1985, four months after the carnage he witnessed at the European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus in Brussels.

He says: "It was unbelievable how the authorities messed things up. Seeing those bodies persuaded me something had to be done — football was killing people — and that's why I founded the FSA, and later on, the Back to Europe Campaign."

His five-point plan is:

- **Regular meetings between clubs, police and supporters to promote a greater understanding;**
- **A massive advertising campaign aimed at attracting a wider cross-section of people back into football grounds;**
- **Official Supporters Clubs, run by football clubs themselves, to give the fans more of a say in the running of them;**
- **A published code explaining exactly how supporters are expected to behave;**
- **The Football Trust should sponsor a football supporters ombudsman, a mediator in a high profile role whose responsibilities could include helping supporters with their problems and forging closer links between fans and officials.**

Rogan accepts that the ban imposed by UEFA after the Heysel Stadium tragedy was inevitable at the time. Now he says: "It is vital for English football that our Back to Europe campaign succeeds. The problem of English fans abroad will not be solved unless we are there in the first place."

STEVE KLEIN

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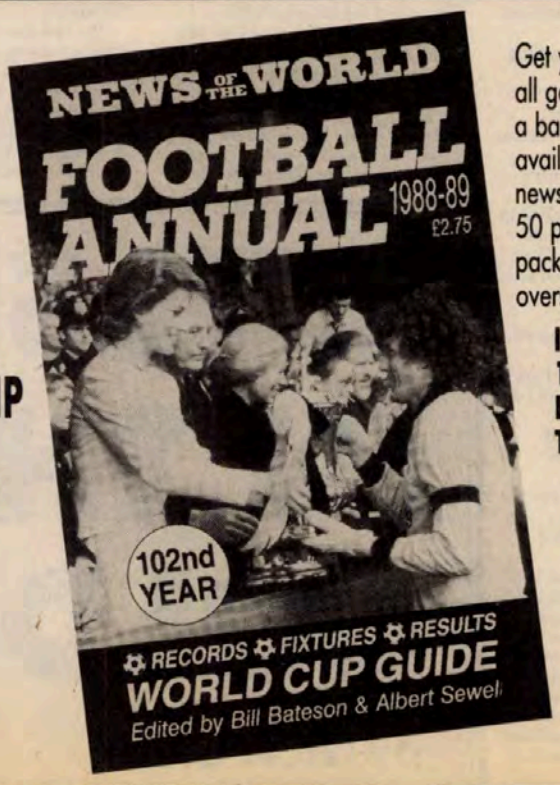

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SCOTLA IT'S JU TORTU

by ALEX GORDON

TRYING to act nonchalant after walking through a plate glass window can be a bit like supporting the Scottish international side. It's not easy and it can be painful.

Scotland are about to embark upon another World Cup episode and, coincidentally, that's when strong men can turn to jelly, hair can be pulled out in huge handfalls, eyes develop a nervous twitch and faint traces of foam can be seen forming at the sides of the mouth.

Scottish fans have been through it all and more over the years. England may be holding urgent inquests into what went wrong in West Germany during the European Championships.

Scotland are still trying to work out why they haven't scored a goal in the Rous Cup over the past two years when three of the four games have been at Hampden. Brave men tend to crack under six hours of torment and torture.

However, the Rous Cup memories can be shoved into the dark past, hopefully forgotten and never to manifest again in any shape or form while all the questions still remain unanswered, and it's off we go once more into the World Cup minefield that could lead Andy Roxburgh and his men to the Finals in Italy in 1990.

The gallant bid kicks off in Oslo against Norway on September 14 and finishes against the same opponents at Hampden on November 15 next year. In between there are games against Yugoslavia, France and Cyprus — all home and away, of course — and the last match of the section could mean little or everything by the time it rolls around.

Scotland, it must be pointed out, have reached the last four World Cup Finals in West Germany, Argentina, Spain and Mexico and, showing tried and trusted consistency, they have had four different managers in charge on those occasions, Willie Ormond, Ally MacLeod, Jock Stein and Alex Ferguson.

Now Andy Roxburgh has set his sights at being the fifth and, aiming up the ladder a bit, he would like to become the first Scottish manager to lead his nation through the opening section.

In true nerve-stretching, mind-numbing fashion Scotland have won only three out of 12 World Cup Final ties — Zaire (2-0), Holland (3-2) and New Zealand (5-2). How on earth did Holland get roped in with such exalted company?

Interestingly, in the other games, apart from goalless draws against Brazil and Uruguay, Scotland have opened the scoring on all occasions apart from the 1-1 draw against Yugoslavia in Frankfurt in 1974 and the 1-0 defeat from Denmark in 1986.

Quite simply and patently obvious to even thouse with the merest trace of grey matter, Scotland have never been good enough to press home that advantage. Even an own goal from a hapless Iranian defender in 1978 could not pilot them to a triumph over those meagre opponents.

Recent draws with Saudi Arabia, Malta and Luxembourg would tend to suggest that the international team would save everyone a lot of bother and the SFA some needless air fares if they quietly pulled out of the World Cup and stayed at home and worked at solving the Rous Cup puzzle of the missing goals.

But surely the fashionable arena of the World Cup is where a player bestowed with the talents and gifts of Paul McStay should perform. Equally, Jim Leighton will again be given every opportunity to show his splendid goalkeeping talents while the rugged determination of skipper Roy Aitken should be put to the test among the best.

Richard Gough, the most expensive player in Scottish history at £1.5 million, was excellent against England at Wembley despite the surrender of his colleagues in a feeble, wearisome performance. He, too, deserves to flourish in the international arena and a fully-fit twosome of Ally McCoist, his Rangers colleague, and Nantes' Mo Johnston would surely score goals in anybody's company.

Let's not forget the emerging talents of Andy Walker, Derek Whyte and Joe Miller (Celtic), Kevin Gallacher (Dundee United), Ian Durrant and Derek Ferguson (Rangers), Gordon Durie (Chelsea) and John Collins (Hibs). We are discussing quality footballers here.

I've got to say here and now that the record of a small nation of only 5 million reaching four successive World Cup Finals is quite an achievement, but it would be a lot more praiseworthy and deserving of applause if the nation could then do something when they are with the big boys and the eyes of the world are upon them.

Are Scotland good enough to overcome France, still trying to recover some flair after the disastrous defence of their European Championship? Is it possible that Scotland could once again take six goals off Yugoslavia as they did at Hampden on a storm-lashed evening back in '84? Will Cyprus buckle at the knees as they did in '68 and '69 during that World Cup campaign when Scotland won 5-0 in Nicosia and 8-0 at Hampden? It would be nice to answer 'yes' to all those questions!

With two nations going through from this five-team section, it is again crucial that Scotland do not concede silly and needless points at their old football fortress of Hampden.

The last European Championship exercise — and that's all it is when you consider Scotland have NEVER qualified for the finals of this tournament — got off to a false start with a goalless draw against Bulgaria in Glasgow and things didn't get much better when the Republic of Ireland won 1-0 at Hampden.

A repeat of needless errors like that and Scotland can forget about dreams of glory in Italy.

But when you look at the pedigree of players such as Paul McStay and Company you must start to get enthusiastic. There is little doubt that this country is rich in genuine football talent. Why can't we find the right blend at international level? Why do we appear afraid to even have a shot at goal against the likes of Luxembourg and Malta?

Andy Roxburgh will have his own ideas about formations and so on and obviously a lot can change between now and the completion of the campaign near the end of next year. But direction is required right now and the players who are to become mainstays must be afforded every opportunity of knitting in with each other. Everyone must become familiar with a colleague's particular style.

McStay must realise in an instant whether or not McCoist likes the ball played to his feet or over his shoulder to run onto. That split-second can make the difference between delight and disaster in the World Cup.

Scotland's build-up in recent

SCOTLAND'S WORLD CUP DATES

September 14, 1988
NORWAY v SCOTLAND
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SCOTLAND v NORWAY

WELSH IN THE COLD

by NICK GIBBS

WALES stand as the poor football relation of the British Isles. During the eighties the Welsh have watched from the shadows as their neighbours — England, Northern Ireland and Scotland — have qualified for successive World Cups.

In 1876, the Welsh Football Association was formed by founder Llewelyn Kenrick. Kenrick, who played for Shropshire Wanderers and Druids, appeared in Wales's first full international, against Scotland in Glasgow, in March of the same year. It was an inauspicious start for the Welsh national side as they lost 0-4.

In the beginning, Wales were a very weak side in comparison with the mighty English and Scots. Indeed, they did not score against Scotland until their fifth meeting in 1880. Their first international victory did not arrive until a year later when they surprisingly beat England 1-0. That was the first of only 14 wins the Welsh have ever inflicted upon England.

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matches has been pedantic to say the least. Others may say pathetic, but I don't believe that to be fair.

The crucial away games in the section are against Yugoslavia in Belgrade on September 6 next year and against France in Paris on October 11. Those encounters form two of the last three games and points will be at a premium.

Personally, I would have preferred Scotland to have those two late games at Hampden where home advantage might have helped swing a decision. However, we should be able to go into these confrontations knowing exactly what we have to do to succeed.

Possibly only the Brazilians, Italians and Spaniards can get their fans whipped up into such a fervour and frenzy as Scotland can with the tartan army. They abandon their senses in droves as the heart takes over from the head and they cry out in unison: "Who's like us?"

Gone are the miserable hours of watching a collection of individuals stuttering zombie-like through a whole array of games, performing in such a wretched fashion that stadiums start to empty long before the end when all hope is gone.

But it's World Cup time again. Time to forgive and forget. Time to get solidly behind your country.

And time to hope that you are not on course for another plate-glass window. . . .

Mo Johnston . . . starring in France with Nantes.

YORATH IS IN CHARGE

TERRY YORATH has been confirmed as the new manager of Wales and on September 14 he will face his first competitive match in the World Cup qualifiers away to European Champions, Holland, writes NICK GIBBS.

As a player, he joined Leeds United as an apprentice and signed professional forms in April 1967. With Leeds, who were under Don Revie, the midfielder was part of one of the most domineering sides in the history of English football during the early 70s.

Yorath picked up a Championship medal in 1974 and appeared in the 1973 FA Cup Final, against Sunderland, as a substitute. He also appeared in two European Finals — The Cup Winners' Cup in 1973 against AC Milan and the Champions' Cup in 1975 against Bayern Munich — also as a substitute.

Part-time

In the summer of 1976 Yorath joined Coventry City where he played for three years before joining Tottenham Hotspur. After his spell at White Hart Lane he finished his playing career across the Atlantic with Vancouver Whitecaps.

Between 1970 and 1981 Yorath made 59 senior appearances for Wales and scored two goals. Since July 1986, Yorath has been manager of Swansea City, a post he will keep in conjunction with his part-time role as national team boss.

He has already been in charge for three matches at the end of the 1987/88 season. In the first, Wales were beaten 1-4 by an in form Sweden. In the second, the Welsh struggled to a 3-2 win over Malta. The last game, against European Championship qualifiers Italy, resulted in a surprise 1-0 victory for Terry Yorath's Wales with Ian Rush scoring the winner.

Yorath has an unenviable task as he attempts to guide Wales to only their second World Cup Finals. Wales are in a group which includes European Champions Holland and the powerful West Germans.

The main aim for Wales until the Second World War was to beat England and Scotland in the Home International Championship which was inaugurated in 1884. However, Wales did not win the Championship outright until 1907 when they beat both Ireland and Scotland by odd goals and drew 1-1 with England.

Welsh football experienced its heyday between the wars when Wales not only won the British Championship on six further occasions — 1919/20, 1923/24, 1927/28, 1932/33, 1933/34 and 1936/37 — with the legendary secretary/manager, Ted Robbins, guiding their fortunes but Cardiff City, who were then in the English First Division, appeared in two successive FA Cup Finals. They lost the first to Sheffield United but won the second, beating the mighty Arsenal 1-0 in 1927.

Wales also made their first sojourn abroad in 1933 and met their first non-British opponent, France, who had appeared in the first World Cup three years earlier. The game, played in Paris, ended in a 1-1 draw.

Unlike their British bretheren, Wales did not have a formal League and such was the scarcity of clubs in the country that the Welsh Cup, began in 1877, was bolstered by English entrants. Indeed, the situation became perverse between 1934 and 1948 as the trophy was won by a succession of English sides.

The national team, therefore, has been immensely dependent on the English Football League to select a team from its limited resources for international matches.

After the Second World War, Wales never won the British Championship outright — although they shared the title on four occasions — but, with their re-affiliation to FIFA, the way was open for the World Cup.

The qualifying tournament of the 1950 and 1954 competition took the form of the Home International series. On both occasions Wales were unable to topple the big two, England and Scotland, from their superior perches. However, four years later, Wales, under Jimmy Murphy, qualified for their one and only World Cup Finals.

In their European qualifying group, where they were drawn with Czechoslovakia and East Germany, they won both their home games in Cardiff but lost the return fixtures. This sequence of results meant that Czechoslovakia directly qualified with Wales in second place.

The political problems of Israel, in the Asian Football Confederation, where all their opponents withdrew, offered Wales, the team with the best record of non-qualifiers, a second chance. Wales and Israel contested a two-legged tie which the Welsh won 4-0 on aggregate and booked their ticket for *Sverige '58*.

Wales, and Northern Ireland for that matter, caused a sensation when they produced the best British performance of any World Cup of the time. Wales, with a team which included the likes of the Charles brothers (John and Mel), Ivor Allchurch (who was to become Wales' most-capped player), and future national manager, Dave Bowen, went through their group matches unbeaten with three draws against Hungary, Mexico and the hosts, Sweden.

This necessitated a play-off with the Hungarians for a quarter-final place. Wales won 2-1 despite the east Europeans' rough tactics which saw Sipos sent off. Goals by Allchurch and Medwin overturned Hungary's half-time lead.

The quarter-final tie in Gothenburg was against Brazil. Brazil outplayed Wales although the Brazilians only won by a single goal, scored by a 17-year-old Pele. It was Wales' best-ever international performance.

Since then, Wales' only other performance of note was in the 1976 European Championships. They qualified for the last eight after overcoming Hungary, Austria and Luxembourg in their group.

THIJS IS NEW BOSS

EUROPEAN champions Holland have a new manager. Thijs Libregts takes the place of Rinus Michels, who has joined Bayer Leverkusen, writes SIMON KUPER.

Libregts, whose former clubs include PSV Eindhoven, Feyenoord and most recently Olympiakos of Greece, is starting his new job without much popularity. Michels was an almost legendary figure and all the internationals regret his departure.

Libregts is not a renowned tactician and Holland's captain Ruud Gullit has a particular grudge against him.

This stems from a remark Libregts says he didn't make, in 1983. At the time he was Gullit's manager at Feyenoord. A newspaper quoted him as having said: "Gullit is a bit lazy... but that's the way the black race is."

Gullit didn't mind being called lazy but he resented the racist generalisation. His father was furious with Libregts: "For me, that man no longer exists."

Libregts now claims he was misquoted, though at times he comes close to admitting to having made the remark: "Look, let's not get childish. They often call me 'Grey' (Libregts is grey-haired), so it could be that someone once called Ruud Gullit 'Black'."

Gullit is still unsatisfied and he is such an influential player and a dominating character that without his support Libregts must fail. Gullit has been warning Libregts not to tamper with the team who won the European Championships so attractively. Many Dutchmen fear that Libregts will undo Michels's good work.

Libregts has raised these fears with some of his recent statements (unless he was misquoted again), saying! "The current squad has a lot, but I must still find the right formation. Rinus Michels was working on that himself during the last few months. I make no secret of that, we lack a left-back and an outside-right."

Another manager returning to Holland is Ger Blok. Blok, who used to manage the Dutch national youth teams, has been away in Saudi Arabia and Honduras, but now he is taking over promoted RKC Waalwijk.

His task will be to keep RKC in the premier division. The club has lost a couple of key players but the replacements include the experienced Andre Hoekstra and Jos van Herpen from Feyenoord.

The other clubs promoted to the premier division are Veendam and MVV Maastricht. Veendam have signed Rene Van Tilburg from Helmond Sport, Ernst Sollner and Grads Fuhler (both from Emmem), and Ron Jans, a Dutchman who was playing for Mazda of Japan.

MVV have bought only Reza Uitman (Feyenoord) and have borrowed John De Jong (from Roda Kerkrade) and Chris Neuts (Standard Liege).

ULI BOROWKA . . . Werder Bremen's defensive strongman.

KEMPES AND MULLER ARE EARLY STARS

TWO old-timers were the stars of the first round in the Austrian league championship, writes ARTHUR ROTMIL.

The Argentinian Mario Kempes, hero and top scorer in the 1978 World Cup, hit the winner in the newly-promoted St Polten's sensational 1-0 win over champions Rapid.

The 34-year-old striker scored with a fulminating shot from 25 metres.

The second "dream" goal was celebrated by former West German international Hansi Muller in Tirol's 1-0 success over Sturm Graz.

For the first time in many months, the fans in Innsbruck's Tivoli Stadium chanted "Hansi, Hansi".

Tirol's boss, the venerable Ernst Happel, strengthened his ranks by acquiring the national team's keeper Lindenberger, striker Westerthaler and three Rapid 'discards', Lainer, Garger and Hrstic.

Another Tirol star is the national side's former captain who returned from West Germany, Bruno Pezzey.

But in the next match, Tirol lost 0-1 to Rapid, Hansi Muller missing a penalty. The scorer for Rapid, Andi Herzog, 19, is one of Austria's most promising young stars.

He was loaned out to Vienna last season and made the breakthrough into the national team.

Herzog wanted to stay on but Rapid demanded his return. The champions also engaged strikers Pfeiffenberger (Austria Salzburg) and Perstling (Linz) but sold several 'oldies' to balance the books.

Top sphere

St Polten, in the First Division for the first time, and Vorwarts Steyr, in the top sphere for the first time in 38 years, continued to make headlines.

Kempes was again the St Polten hero in the 6-1 trouncing of Vienna. He made one goal and scored two, one from a free kick, the other from the penalty spot.

Vorwarts, with their Soviet veteran Oleg Blokhin, 35, the star, were beaten in their fourth match 3-1 by FK Austria, who took over at the top.

The Austrianer were then the only undefeated side. They have engaged the highly-rated Stoger (Vienna) and forward Kunast from Darmstadt (West Germany).

In fact, a number of Germans who couldn't find clubs at home have moved to Austria.

FANS STAR

THE West German Bundesliga started the new season with great expectations following the best-ever European Championship tournament, which produced record attendances as the fans filled the country's modern stadia.

But hopes that this enthusiasm would be transmitted into the league championship have not, as yet, materialised.

The early rounds brought, on the whole, disappointing gates due, possibly, to the heat wave, many fans still being away on holiday and maybe satiated by the quality soccer demonstrated by the eight national teams on view here.

Bayern Munich's general manager Uli Hoeness was convinced that Euro '88 would lead to a massive rise in interest.

"These fantastic, peaceful European Championships have revived interest in football," he said.

"Before the Final, people who haven't been to a match for ten years were asking me for tickets. They will certainly come to the opening Bundesliga games.

"We only have to ensure an attractive presentation in order to increase the number of potential regular customers."

Despite the fact that Bayern didn't win anything last term, the sale of season tickets was going remarkably well. Perhaps newcomers like Olaf Thon and Swede Johnny Ekstroem have awakened interest.

Champions Werder Bremen, too, reported record takings before the kick-off to the new campaign while Kaiserslautern, Karlsruhe and Borussia Monchengladbach were also optimistic, judging by the demand for tickets.

ROTTERDA

FEYENOORD Rotterdam, who finished sixth in the league after a disastrous year, start the new season with an almost entirely new side.

Hans Kraay, Feyenoord's new general manager, has bought seven players so far. In addition to Wlodek Smolarek (Eintracht Frankfurt), Paul Nortan and Tom Krommedijk (AZ Alkmaar) and Martin van Geel (Roda Kerkrade), Feyenoord have got their hands on Johnny Metgood (Spurs), Ton Lokhoff (Olympique Nimes) and Marcel Brands (RKC Waalwijk).

Kraay realises that the 30,000-odd fans who have deserted Feyenoord over the last decade will not come back to watch the same old players play the same old second-rate football. Feyenoord, by virtue of their past, are still one of Holland's Big Three (with Ajax and PSV). But in recent years they have failed to live up to this status.

GIVE THE S A MISS

by ARTHUR ROTMIL

Sadly, these were the exceptions rather than the rule. On the opening day, Borussia Dortmund drew 40,200, Bayern Munich 26,000 and Bremen 24,600. But of the remaining six games, none attracted over 18,500.

In the second round, Karlsruhe registered 41,000 for the visit of Bayern but nowhere else did the attendance exceed 21,250 while in Uerdingen, only 7,000 turned out to watch Waldhof Mannheim.

Bayern, who have completed a big clearance sale of players and engaged five new ones, are again favourites for the title together with holders Bremen, who curiously didn't sign any notable newcomers.

Their veteran keeper Dieter Burdenski, honoured with a testimonial match, retired from active football.

Manager Otto Rehhagel is still relying on Oliver Reck, 23, in goal, whose sending off last season caused so much controversy, and on the up-and-coming libero Gunnar Sauer, 24, voted third best in that position in the league behind Matthias Herget and Thomas Horster from Uerdingen and Leverkusen respectively.

Sauer, incidentally, was twice shown the red card last term for innocuous offences.

Bayern may have problems with the integration of so many new faces but team chief Jupp Heynckes is pleased with the progress made towards harmony and team work.

The team "exploded" in the cup against Blau-Weiss Berlin of Division Two when Thon scored five goals and Ekstroem two in an 11-2 triumph.

Koln transferred the former England international striker Tony Woodcock to local Second Division outfit Fortuna Cologne and promoted Pierre Littbarski to team captain.

Thomas Allofs, younger brother of international star Klaus, hit four goals in Koln's 6-1 demolition of lowly Darmstadt.

Cup holders Eintracht Frankfurt made the best deal in their history when they sold Hungarian midfield ace Lajos Detari, 25, to Olympiakos Piraeus for nearly £5 million — easily a new selling record in German football.

Detari — who cost Eintracht £1.2 million (then a record) a year ago — was recently voted the top foreigner in the Bundesliga. But he left Frankfurt on a sour note for he kept reassuring his club, teammates and fans that "all the stories about my move abroad are the invention of the media"!

He claimed that he lied in his own interest, having to keep quiet for fear that other clubs would step in and scare off Olympiakos.

The Dutch, who put the Germans out of the European Championship, are now influencing their football.

Arie Haan, 39, Holland's former World Cup star now in charge of VfB Stuttgart, has taken them to the top.

Rinus Michels, 60, the architect of Holland's successful national side and now at Bayer Leverkusen, is already making his presence felt.

"I will not tolerate shirkers," he announced. "Even star players do not have an automatic right to a permanent place in the first team.

"If necessary, I will demote them to the reserve bench."

For the moment, Michels is pleased with his charges. They drew 1-1 at Waldhof Mannheim and beat Borussia Monchengladbach 3-1, with the new Polish striker, Marek Lesniak, 24, formerly of Pogon Szczecin, scoring once.

After two matches, Stuttgart were top, alone without dropping a point. The only newcomer of note, Yugoslav midfielder Srecko Katanec, 25, formerly with Partizan Belgrade and with 17 caps to his name, has already become a hit with the fans.

The first round brought two sendings-off — Kaiserslautern's Franco Foda and Frankfurt's Uli Stein.

The controversial keeper sat in protest on an advertising hoarding behind his goal and was shown the yellow card. He then applauded the referee ironically and was dismissed.

Stein was fined £1,700 for unsportsmanlike behaviour — Foda, who retaliated against an opponent, was suspended for four games.

In the next round, Karlsruhe's Michael Harforth was sent packing for a foul on Bayern's Olaf Thon.

The media claim the Bundesliga is offering a diet of meagre football, few spectators and bad refereeing decisions. Only 16 goals were scored in the second round — a catastrophic low for the Bundesliga.

SWISS QUICK OFF THE MARK

SWITZERLAND embarked on the new championship trail earlier than ever before.

In the middle of the holiday season, the Helvetians started on July 23 because they have to play 22 league matches until December 11 when they begin their winter break.

The battle among the 12 clubs for the eight places in the championship play-off pool promises to be tighter than ever.

Even FC Sion, who only just escaped the drop last season and had to win through the relegation play-offs to stay up, were among the early leaders.

Newcomers, like the former Belgian international defender Michel Renquin (ex-Standard Liege), Yugoslav midfielder Mirsad Baljic (Zeleznicar Sarajevo) and Caryl Facchinetti (who was on Liverpool's books) have given Sion the stability in vital positions.

They beat fancied Servette 1-0 away but the Geneva outfit slumped at one time to bottom but one.

The experiment with former West German star striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, now 33, in the role of libero failed miserably.

But as soon as he gave up the unaccustomed position and moved behind the striking duo of Eriksen and Fargeon, there was an instant improvement. In the 7-1 thrashing of St Gallen, "Kalle" Rummenigge scored four goals!

Champions Xamax began without their injured captain and Switzerland's record capped midfield schemer Heinz Hermann.

They welcomed the new Yugoslav Admir Smajic (ex-Partizan Belgrade), former international defender Heinz Ludi, midfielder Michel Decastel and striker Hanspeter Zwicker, all internationals.

But the Argentinian Claudio Borghi may not, after all, be joining the Neuchatel outfit.

Cup holders Grasshoppers, under new team manager Ottmar Hitzfeld (ex-Aarau), are banking on four new international strikers — Andy Halter, Wynton Rufer, Thomas Bickel and Alain Sutter.

Young Boys of Berne also engaged a new manager in Swede Tord Grip, 50, who was, until recently, team chief of the Norwegian national side.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

M REVOLUTION FOR FEYENOORD

by SIMON KUPER

Kraay will have to form his signings into a new team with the remaining Feyenoorders. It seems that these will be goalkeeper Joop Hiele, defenders Sjaak Troost, Toni Roth and Ruud Heus, and outside-right Rene Hofman.

If Kraay finds the right blend this team should win back third place from Twente Enschede, but his new Feyenoord will probably prove unable to challenge Ajax and PSV at the top.

Kraay is a replacement himself – for former manager Rinus Israel. When Kraay was appointed, only a couple of months ago, Feyenoord said that he would work together with Israel.

But even then it was obvious that two captains on a ship was too many, so nobody was surprised when Feyenoord's new directors threw Israel overboard.

A morose, hard-bitten man, Israel had hurt many players with his cynical approach. After a match he would tell each player what mark they deserved for their performance: "Been – three out of ten, Hofman – one out of ten, Monkou – one out of ten".

He was often witty at the expense of Feyenoord. Once, after his team had won, he announced: "We're almost safe from relegation now."

When the wife of the star player, Mario Been, had a miscarriage, he said nothing to console Been and gave him only one day off training. He refused to talk individually with upset players. Everyone agreed that he was tactically sound, but as Been says: "It's important that the atmosphere is good."

Feyenoord are not the only club who have been buying. Ajax had already signed Hans Werdekker from Willem II, Tilburg and Ron Willems from Twente Enschede when they added Mark Verkuyl, Groningen's left-back, and Stefan Petterson, a 24-year-old striker from IFK Goteborg.

PSV have signed Stans Valckx from VVV Venlo, Hendrie Kruzen from Den Bosch and Jules Ellerman from Sparta Rotterdam. PSV did so well last year that they have no need to improve their first team. Rather, their new recruits will give the Eindhoven squad more depth.

Groningen have also been spending money. As play-off winners they will play in next season's UEFA Cup, and they have signed Eric Groeleken (Go Ahead Deventer) and Erik Regtop (Telstar) to help them in Europe. The two are gifted young players who, at one stage, seemed to have dropped out because of problems of character.

Regtop, Groningen's other signing, also spent last season in the (lower) first division. There he was playing for Telstar, on loan from Ajax. He had joined Ajax at 16, a phenomenally talented midfielder-striker.

But the tough Amsterdam club found Regtop lazy and complacent, and eventually they sent him to Telstar.

Ajax had effectively given up on him, and Regtop's performances at Telstar seemed to justify this. Then he suddenly recovered his form. He finished the season with 13 goals, almost all scored in the last handful of matches.

Ajax have now given him a second chance: if he does well at Groningen, they will bring him back to Amsterdam.

ITALIANS ALIGHT ON DYNAMO

FROM JANE NOTTAGE

THE Russians are coming. An invasion of a different type is taking place in Italy as the market for buying foreign players closes for a month before re-opening on September 5 until the 29th.

Two Italian clubs are involved in delicate negotiations for top Soviet players. Juventus, desperately seeking a leading light in midfield after the departure of genius Michel Platini, have landed Alexander Zavarov, 27-year-old 'playmaker' for the legendary Dynamo Kiev.

A representative committee of three recently went to Moscow where they met with the directors of Dynamo Kiev and the Soviet Minister of Sport.

It is believed that one of the most persuasive factors is the four million dollars conveniently ready to be transferred whenever needed to a Russian bank. Russia, in the grip of various economic and social reforms, is in need of a few readies. Juventus may have to wait for Zavarov even though they cleared the foreign decks pretty smartly by selling Ian Rush back to Liverpool.

Atalanta, who are newly promoted to Serie A having languished in Serie B for a year, are after another famous Russian — Igor Belanov. Negotiations have proceeded to the point where it is expected that Belanov will visit Bergamo, the northern Italian town where Atalanta play, after the tournament in Livorno where Dynamo Kiev are participants.

Atalanta want to take him on immediately but the ultimate word rests with Minister of Sport, Gavrilin. If he says Niet, Italy will have to wait for the Russians.

One wonders how they will fit into a society so different from their own, where order and discipline rule the day and the media is kept at a safe distance.

In Italy, everything is thrown together on a last minute basis and the media, including three daily papers who are solely dedicated to sport, hound the players night and day for a scoop. A few months of this may make Siberia quite attractive!

Talking of foreign players, the first few weeks in the summer training camps has given us an opportunity to see how they are settling down. There are now fifty foreign players in the Italian first division, Serie A, 28 of whom are new to the Italian game.

By country the Brazilians outnumber everyone else. Fourteen Brazilians are now in Italy — Pescara have a full quota of three, Junior, Edmar and Tita; whilst Napoli have attacking duo Careca and Alemao, AS Roma have Renato and Andrade, and Torino have Edu and Muller.

The next biggest group are the Argentinians led by superstar Diego Maradona, who now has six of his fellow countrymen with him. The reasons for the large representation of Latin Americans is obvious, technically and temperamentally they are well suited to the Italian game.

What is surprising, however, is that there are now five Swedish players here — Stromberg has been joined at Atalanta by his friend Prytz who will be able to share the schnapps with Belanov, and the other new arrival is Holmqvist who has joined Cesena.

The Yugoslavians have tripled from one representative, Josic at Cesena, to four, Arsalnovic and Cvetkovic join Ascoli on the sunny east coast and Skoro goes north to Torino.

With the arrival of Matthaus and Brehme at Inter, the West Germans have doubled. Rudi Voller stays at AS Roma and Thomas Berthold at Verona.

ITALY

New entries are Uruquay, Belgium, Chile, Portugal and Spain. Newly promoted Lazio have snapped up Uruguayan double Gutierrez and Ruben Sosa, whilst Fiorentina have gone for Aguirre.

Chilean Rubio has joined Bologna whilst Juventus brought tiny Portuguese Rui Barros to lend weight to midfield. Sampdoria have gone Spanish with Victor.

Not surprisingly, England is under-represented. An early exit from Europe in the Championships, the continued problem of hooliganism and the English players notorious inability to play where there isn't draught beer or a snooker table has resulted in a distinct lack of interest.

The league title holders have had a miserable start. Trainer Sacchi fielded the reserve side for the first half of their first friendly match against Brescia — the result being a 1-1 draw — was totally hammered by the media for nearly a week and learnt his first big lesson . . . experiment behind closed doors, or face the consequences.

Milan haven't fared much better since. They drew against Verona and nothing is functioning — Frank Rijkaard is finding it difficult to adjust to the team, mainly because he hasn't as yet got a defined position.

CAE STR

OF the promoted teams this season, Sochaux, such unlucky losers on penalties of the Cup Final to Metz, are burning a blue streak. But Caen, though Brian Stein and Graham Rix have both done pretty well, are clearly out of their depth, making a shocking start to a season in which three points are now given for a win instead of two.

There have been interesting surprises. Tomislav Ivic, the Yugoslav from Porto, got Paris Saint Germain away to the kind of start reminiscent of a couple of seasons ago, rather than of their last abysmal season, in which they were quite lucky to escape the drop.

Gérard Houllier, as we know, has passed on to bigger and notionally better things with the French national team. What seemed to happen was that he lost his positive influence over the team, which gave them such a lift when he took them over from the somewhat dour Georges Peyroche — who cannot even find a club in France at the moment, and may by the time you read this have taken over as manager of the Cameroons. A post usually occupied by a Frenchman.

A tremendous tribute was paid to Ivic by his fellow Yugoslav, Miroslav Blazevic, no stranger to French football, after his Nantes team had lost 1-0 at the Parc des Princes.

"In engaging Ivic," he said, "Paris SG have found the man they needed to express the talents of this team. We have been friends for a long time, I know his technique, his capacity as a strategist, his tactics. But now that we are opponents, I notice with regret that I do not know his faults."

The interesting thing is that Ivic

FROM DUNCAN SHAW

FRENETIC transfer acitivity, dramatic changes at the Federation and even alleged rape . . . very few Spanish fans can recall a summer quite as engrossing as this one.

First things first. Most of the headlines have been captured by the profigliate spending sprees of FC Barcelona and Atletico Madrid, launched not only in an attempt to halt the domestic domination of Real Madrid, but also to replace the ousted ringleaders of the rebellions which shook the two clubs in the spring.

The comings and goings at Barca have been by far the most dramatic. Carrying out the requests of new coach Johan Cruyff, president Jose Luis Nunez has spent more than ten million pounds in buying a completely new team.

Competition for Andoni Zubizarreta has arrived at Camp Nou in the shape of Under 21 international keeper Juan Carlos Unzue, signed from Osasuna for £900,000.

At slightly lower prices, Cruyff has brought in young defenders Luis Lopez Rekarte from Real Sociedad, Ricardo Serna from Sevilla and Manuel Hierro from Valladolid.

The midfield has been boosted by the acquisition of three members of Spain's European Championship squad: Eusebio, Aitor Beguiristain and Miquel Soler, from Atletico Madrid, Real Sociedad and Espanol respectively.

Up front, Gary Lineker will be supported by Ernesto Valverde from Espanol, surprise signing Julio Salinas from Atletico Madrid and Jose Maria Bakero, taken from Real Sociedad for a record £1.5 million.

Striker Juan Antonio Goikoetxea was also brought from Osasuna, but was immediately loaned out to John Toshack's club to facilitate the transfers to Barca of Lopez rekarte, Beguiristain and Bakero.

One of the ironies of all this is that the Catalans have not signed another foreigner to replace the departed Bernd Schuster, Mark Hughes and Steve Archibald.

Their interest in Ronald Koeman, Enzo Francescoli, the Brazilian Julio Cesar and even the Norwegian Erland Johnsen seems unlikely to be taken much further, leaving Lineker as the only overseas player at a club that has usually had an excess of them.

Another irony is that most of the leaders of the spring revolt have managed to survive the massive clear-out of players necessary to accomodate so many newcomers.

Although no less than 16 players have been sold off, veterans Jose Ramon Alesanco, Julio Alberto and Francisco Carrasco have been spared the chop thanks to the intervention of Cruyff.

"I'm going to need a couple of veterans in order to show the youngsters the way," reasoned the dynamic Dutchman.

Midfield anchorman Victor, however, couldn't wait to leave Camp Nou. As soon as Spain was eliminated from the European Championship, he flew off to Italy to negotiate his own transfer.

Sampdoria's Vujadin Boskov — the man who discovered Victor when coach at Zaragoza — was delighted to take on board the hard- running Spaniard, who will be following in the Italian footsteps of 1960's stars Luis Suarez, Luis Del Sol and Joaquin Peiro.

"I simply couldn't stand to remain at Barcelona any longer, with all the off-the-field problems," reflects Victor. "Now, one of my main aims is to return in triumph, when we knock Barca out of the Cup-Winners Cup."

But Steve Archibald was not so happy to leave. So much so that he caused a bizare scene during the official presentation of Cruyff's new team.

The Scot unprecedently tried to force his way on to the Camp Nou

N WILL UGGLE

FRANCE

by ANDRE DUCLOS

has got Paris SG rolling again with virtually no activity in the transfer market. The only change of any note is that they are using Christian Perez as an out and out winger. Obviously the arrival of his fellow Yugoslav has made a large difference to Safet Susic, who last season dropped all the way down to the reserves, in Division III.

But Sochaux are again the revelation, even if their freely scoring centre-forward, Stephane Paille, remarked the other day that he has no great attachment to the club, simply to his mates in the team. At the end of last season, in fact, the Under 21 cap was talking about a transfer to a bigger team; but Sochaux kept him and they must be very pleased.

Back impressively in the team, after having to miss the Cup final — still a matter of bitter regret — is the midfielder, Philippe Lucas. It's the "solidarity" in the team which seems to bear out what Paille has been saying.

There are two new players, both of whom, says Lucas, have fitted in without any trouble. One of them is that stylish player and endless traveller, Thierry Laurey, the 24 year old midfielder, who comes from Montpellier, and is in form.

The other is Benoit Tihy from Toulouse, a left-back. Utterly delighted with their foreign signing are Toulon, who sold the brilliant young midfielder David Ginola to Matra Racing — off to another uneasy start for all the expensive players in their ranks. Toulon have bought the Hungarian midfielder, 26 year old Gyorgy Bognar from MTK Budapest, and he settled in immediately, both scoring and making goals.

In face he had the distinction of setting up or getting all three against Cannes in a 3-0 home win. He knocked in the second himself, from a penalty, after sending through Collot who was fouled. Already, Bognar had supplied Collot with the pass which gave him the opening goal, with a powerful shot.

Centre-forward Oudjani, back now with Lens after being on loan with success last season to Matra Racing, should be a useful colleague for Gordon Strachan. Oudjani scored twice when Lens played lively, open football to defeat Saint Etienne 4-2 on their own ground.

Georges Peyroche has been a sad figure. Always controversial, never the most diplomatic of people, he was distressed that the whole French 1st Division seemed to have snubbed him this season. Another cause for dismay was that his son Fabient is a most promising young player, on whom he wants to keep an eye.

Taking him to Africa was the last thing Peyroche wanted to do. He believes that his rather stormy days with Paris S-G have counted against him.

For the first time ever, the Vujovic twins have been split up this season. Zoltan is now leading the attack of Cannes, where he says he is very happy — but he certainly will not get the support he had last season at Bordeaux. Zoran remains behind, playing in the Bordeaux defence.

Rather ironic, when you consider that in fact Bordeaux took Zoran because they wanted Zoltan, who refused to come if his twin didn't come with him

CLIVE ALLEN. . . finding his feet at Bordeaux

pitch and back into the limelight, only to be physically restrained by a zealous club official.

This trouble was as nothing, however, compared to the furore when Alesanco was arrested for the alleged rape of one of the staff at Barca's Dutch pre-season training headquarters.

However the case was resolved, it has been — as Cruyff has reluctantly admitted — a powerful blow to his plans for a peaceful preparation of the new Braca team.

Atletico Madrid's summer has almost been as problematic as that of Barcelona. The 'aficionados' were mostly horrified when internationals Eusebio and Julio Salinas were sold to Barca for a joint fee of 'only' £1.5m.

But they were then largely placated by the arrival of midfielders Antonio Orejuela and Luis Garcia from relegated Mallorca, and strikers Baltazar, Carlos and Manolo, from Celta Vigo, Oviedo and Murcia respectively.

No fewer than three veterans — Quique Ramos, Quique Setien and Jesus Landaburu — are in the process of taking legal action against dictatorial president Jesus Gil for being unfairly thrown out.

But it does seem that club captain Juan Carlos Arteche is finally ready to accept the discipline of Gil and stay on.

The other big spenders have been Sevilla and Valencia. The Andalucians — having said goodbye to the expensive Josimar — have signed up Toni Polster from Torino, Spain defender Diego from neighbours Betis, Manuel Zuniga from Espanol and Real Madrid reject Mino.

Valencia, for their part, have acquired the services of Mexican striker Luis Flores, in addition to Eloy and Zurdi from Sporting Gijon. But perhaps their most important signing was that of Uruguayan coach Victor Esparrago, who did so well last season with modest Cadiz.

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America double champs

AMERICA, of Mexico City, who had finished with the best record in the Mexican first division's regular season, won the title by beating Universidad Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) in the two-legged final, winning 4-1 after losing 1-0, and ended the season with more success under their Brazilian coach, Jorge Vieira, by also winning the "Champion of Champions" title in beating cup winners Puebla 3-2 (1-2, 2-0) over two legs.

In the quarter finals, for which the top two of each of the four five-team first division groups qualified, America had beaten Puebla 6-2 (2-2, 4-0) on aggregate, but in the semi-finals they needed post-match penalties to beat Morelia. Their two legs had ended 2-2 and 3-3, the latter after extra time.

In the first final against city rivals UNAM, the latter's league top scorer, Luis Flores — who netted 24 goals during the regular season and has been transferred to Valencia (Spain) — was injured "accidentally on purpose" by America defender Guillermo Huerta in the first minute and never recuperated. He had to be replaced for the second half, but not before he scored the game's only goal with a penalty after 31 minutes.

The match had shown both teams playing carefully and with their minds more on defence, but the return game — played in front of a 115,000 capacity crowd at the Azteca stadium — showed UNAM adopting attacking tactics rather than defending their lead.

It worked for a time with the 1-1 half-time score still favouring UNAM greatly — away goals counting double in the event of an aggregate draw — but America's top-scoring attack really went to town after the interval and the team left no doubt as to their superiority with a 4-1 (4-2 aggregate) victory, Farfan (2), Camacho and Santos (penalty) scoring their goals while Flores netted for UNAM.

The line-ups in the second final were:

America: Chavez, Tena, Huerta, Rodriguez, Herrera, Camacho (Alderete), Ortega, Farfan, Santos, Robinson, Hermosillo (Munguia).

UNAM: Rios, Salgado (Garcia), Nava, Macedo, Servin, Negrete, España, Garcia Aspe (Vazquez), Tello, Flores, Patiño.

● *Yugoslav coach, Bora Milutinovic, coach of the Mexican national team during the last World Cup finals there, has returned to Mexico. After brief coaching spells in Argentina and Italy, Milutinovic, whose wife is Mexican, has signed for Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara.*

CENTRAL AMERICA

FIFA's decision to suspend Mexico internationally for two years as a result of their having altered ages of their players in this year's CONCACAF junior tournament — which means that Mexico will not be able to play in the Olympic Games this year nor the next World Cup — has left the whole country (where soccer is the most popular sport) sad and angry. . . angry at the few officials whose cheating has put all of Mexican soccer to shame.

Mexican soccer officials — many of whom had been banned for life by CONCACAF — not unexpectedly took another line, saying that FIFA's decision was an attack on Mexico by the FIFA "mafia".

Mexican FA president, Rafael Del Castillo and league president, Rafael Lebrija — who had gone to Zurich to appeal against the CONCACAF sanction — said on their return that FIFA president, Joao Havelange had at first told them that he thought it was rather severe and that FIFA would revise the matter.

Next day things changed however, they said. The sanction was increased, banning Mexico from the next Olympics and World Cup while, on the other hand, officials were saved from a life ban. "Our FIFA "friends" tried to save us," Del Castillo said.

A few days later Del Castillo and other FA officials resigned "tired of the way soccer is managed by CONCACAF and FIFA." And one of the judges who signed one of the four players' certificates giving their ages wrongly died from a heart attack, apparently after having been under great strain since the fraud was discovered.

Rafael Del Castillo was provisionally replaced as FA president by Rafael Castellanos.

MANUEL NEGRETE . . . out of luck in the Mexican title decider.

SOUTH AMERICA

THE majority of Brazilian soccer officials were not too disappointed at losing the 1994 World Cup venue to the United States when FIFA voted on it early July. They realised that the US had better (financial) resources while the current lack of organisation and in-fighting in Brazilian soccer counted against them.

But only 30 years after the start of Brazil's golden age of soccer when they won the world title for the first time in Sweden (in 1958) with the likes of Pele, Garrincha, Vava, Didi and other geniuses like them, leading stars and officials are expressing fears that Brazil might now even fail to reach the next World Cup finals for the first time in their history.

Zico, the popular 35-year-old international midfielder who is on the verge of retirement although his club, Flamengo, wants to offer him another contract, says: "The lack of organisation and violence in league games is killing Brazilian soccer and could leave it out of the next World Cup.

"If officials gave the players a bit more security, stability and tranquility, they would not play so much for the points at all costs even if it means injuring opponents. The watchword now is 'kill the play' instead of creating it and that is killing Brazilian soccer."

Artists

Zico has had more than his share of injuries lately due to the rough play which had virtually decided him to retire at the end of the season.

Former international winger, Valdir Pereira "Didi" (World Cup winner in 1958 and 1962) also said that he is worried about the actual state of Brazilian soccer dominated by a complete lack of organisation and violence on the field which has caused the famed ball artists to disappear and will end by keeping spectators away altogether.

"With all these problems I fear that it may even be difficult to get through our World Cup qualifying group against Chile and Venezuela," he says.

Didi, a lover of "jogo bonito" (pretty football), also as a successful coach with several Brazilian clubs and the Peruvian national team in the past, is presently not managing any Brazilian club although he would like to, but perhaps his type of game is not wanted.

Sao Paulo FC president, Juvenal Juvencio says: "If the structure of Brazilian soccer does not change we will continue in the doldrums and there is nothing we can do about it.

"Our best players will continue to leave because of the low earnings by soccer clubs and consequently the low salaries they pay their players in comparison to Europe."

Sao Paulo has just sold Muller and Silas to Italy's Torino for a combined $4.2m. Juvencio said the club, like others, needs the money to keep going and explained that Sao Paulo's earnings from soccer — gate money, etc. — are only 8% of Torino's.

National team coach, Carlos

Nacional's Revelez (left) heads in the Urugayan team's first goal in their 2-0 victory over Columbia's America in Montevideo in the Libertadores Cup group three.

NEWELL'S MAKE IT IN STYLE

THE South American club championship — for the Libertadores Cup — is in full swing with games practically every day as play in all groups started late this year.

Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) coach, José Yudica, who said before the start of the tournament that it could be won with attractive attacking soccer instead of the usual defensive stuff and rough play, is proving it so far in group 2, although at press time Ecuador's Barcelona has a three-point lead in this group and needs only one more point from its two away games against the Argentine clubs — San Lorenzo is the other — to qualify for the next round.

But the tournament, as usual, is plagued by protests. When clubs cannot win on the field, they try to get the points otherwise.

Both Argentine clubs have protested at the inclusion of a Brazilian player, Carlos Henrique, in the Barcelona team because, they allege, he was signed specially for the tournament (not allowed) and had not played for Barcelona in the league.

But the protest seems out of place. Carlos Enrique has not played for Barcelona in the league, because there is a limit on the number of foreign players they can field in their domestic championship — there is no limit in Libertadores Cup games — and the protest could rebound.

Both Newell's and San Lorenzo have added players to their squad since the end of their national championship and they have, naturally, not played in domestic league games either.

At press time, Colombia's America, losing finalists for the last three years, had qualified for the second stage from group 3 together with Uruguay's Nacional, the only team who had beaten them so far and were unbeaten themselves. Wanderers (Uruguay) and Millionarios (Colombia) were thus eliminated.

Modifications to the Libertadores Cup this year qualify two teams from each group (instead of one) for the second round in which the 10 qualifiers play a knock-out with home and away legs leaving five winners who go into the next round together with cup holders Peñarol (Uruguay).

The three winners of this round plus the "best loser" — a controversial point this — qualify for the semi-finals.

WHY ZICO IS WORRIED ABOUT BRAZIL

Alberto Silva, meanwhile, announced that he wanted to impose rigid discipline on his team and get his players to leave all other worries aside to concentrate only on getting good results in the Seoul Olympic tournament for a start.

"The only title Brazil has not won yet is the Olympic tournament. I don't want to anull the players' creativity, but I want a team that wins, even if they don't play nice," he said.

"I will impose strict discipline. The players must not only think of money, but of serving their country. I want fighting spirit and love for their colours from my players. Those who do not adapt will be eliminated from the squad."

The 20 players Silva picked to represent Brazil in future internationals — by press time they had already won the Bicentennial Cup in Australia — included only two players who had played in the last World Cup — Renato and Muller.

Brazil is now in the process of blocking some transfers to foreign clubs because of worries of a mass exodus of stars to Europe. Brazilian FA president, Nabi Abi Chedid also said that buying clubs would be forced to release players to prepare for the Seoul Olympics, World Cup qualifying matches and the World Cup in Italy in 1990 and also the South American Championship before deals would be allowed to go ahead.

SOUTH AMERICAN LEAGUE SCENE

ANOTHER TITLE FOR COLO COLO

FROM ERIC WEIL

COLO COLO, frequent title winners in Chile, won this season's pre-season tournament for the DIGEDER Cup by beating Union Española 1-0 in front of 45,000 spectators at Santiago's national stadium.

All 40 first and second division clubs took part in this tournament — in four groups of 10 clubs each — which had some interesting innovations.

All matches had to have a winner, and there were penalty shoot-outs to decide draws while a team winning by a margin of three goals or more received three points instead of the usual two.

Defender

The final was with extra time, however, and it was needed as Juan Gutierrez scored the only goal eight minutes into extra time. Colo Colo, first division vice champions last season, had knocked out champions Universidad Catolica in the two-legged semi-finals.

Meanwhile, Universidad de Chile, who had put up good performances in the DIGEDER Cup under their former international defender, Alberto Quintano, lost him when the coach resigned because club officials signed several players without his consent.

URUGUAY: Danubio, the team composed entirely of young players who started at the club and which had won the season's first tournament, the "Torneo Competenica", topped the Uruguayan first division with their first five games won and they continue to be the sensation of the season.

Another sensation is the league's latest star, Peñarol centre-forward Adolfo "Fito" Baran, who tops the scorers table with eight goals followed by Ruben Da Silva with seven. Peñarol are joint second with Huracán Buceo, two points behind the leaders, but both have played a game more.

COLOMBIA: Medellin's Nacional, linking up only home-born players and the basis of the national team, took over the lead of the "Finalización" tournament, the second of the season's championships in Colombia.

They also lead the overall standings (adding points from both championships) of which the top eight qualify for the final round.

Deportivo Cali, well down the table for once and in danger of not making the top eight either — they are seventh a point ahead of the ninth — dismissed their Uruguayan coach, Washington Tabarez, under whom Peñarol won last year's Libertadores Cup. The reason, however, appears to be that club officials did not like some of the things he said.

ECUADOR: The craze of dismissing coaches continues in Ecuador and after only 20 games, Argentine Leonel Perez became the 13th coach to be dismissed this season — by Aucas when they were seventh of the 18 first division clubs.

Liga Deportiva Universitaria of Quito lead Emelec by three points.

VENEZUELA: Maritimo, in only their third season in the professional league's top division, won the title for the second year running basing their success mostly on good organisation which is rare in Venezuelan soccer.

While they finished the season with the best defence (20 goals against), they only netted 47, but had signed former Uruguayan international striker and leading scorer, Victorino, to strengthen their attack for the Libertadores Cup in which they were due to take part for the first time.

Runners-up were Tachira who scored over a hundred goals this season (107) with their Argentine duo of Pajurek and Gonzalez netting 20 each.

PARAGUAY: An offer reported to be in the region of $200,000 a year failed to lure back Brazilian coach Valdir Espinosa from Paraguay's Cerro Porteño, the club he took to the title last year.

The offer came from Rio de Janeiro's Flamengo. Cerro, due to play in the Libertadores Cup, have qualified for their domestic championship's final round by virtue of their taking second place in the championship's opening round behind Sol de America. Olimpia, Paraguay's other Libertadores Cup representatives, currently lead the second round.

BRAZIL: Corinthians made sure of a final place in the Sao Paulo State League in which quarter-final groups were being played with four clubs in each from which the winners entered the final.

They were due to face the winners of the other group, Guarani.

Meanwhile, in Minas Gerais, Atletico Mineiro won their state league for the 32nd time. They were coached by Tele Santana who "retired" after being in charge of the Brazilian team in World Cup finals for the second time in 1986.

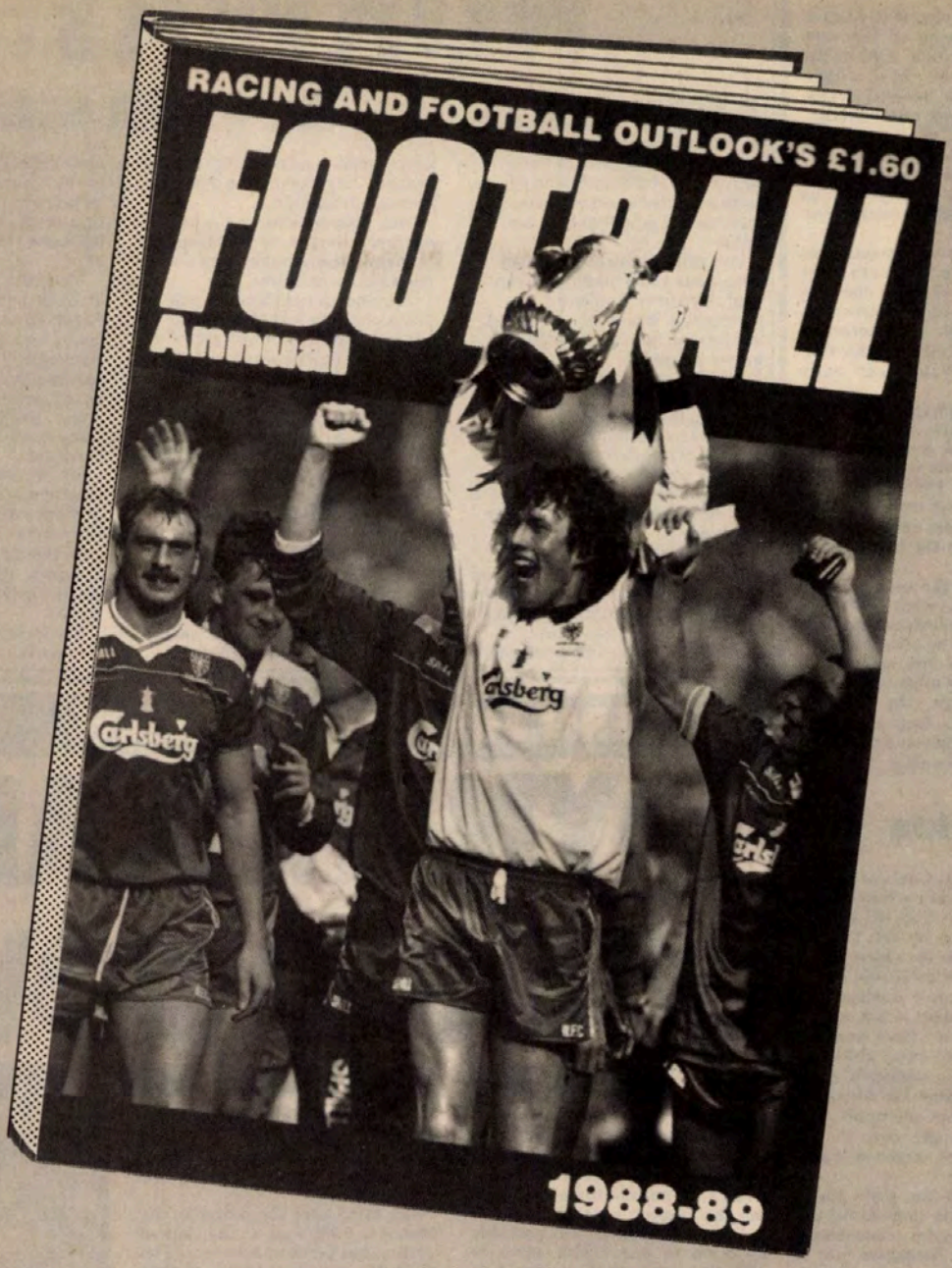
BOLIVIA: The Bolivian professional championship became the latest to start this year — only on July 17 — as the lengthy 1987 tournament had only finished a month earlier.

This year's tournament is a lot shorter with 14 clubs playing in two groups of seven from which the top two qualify for semi-finals and finals of two legs each.

Neto (14) of Brazil's Guarani attempts to steal a ball from Alianza Lima's Chilean goalkeeper, Letelier, in Lima where the Peruvian team won its Libertadores Cup group five match 1-0.

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS TROPHY: SEMI-FINALS

ALAJUELENSE (Costa Rica), Marathon (Honduras), Aurora (Guatemala) and Olimpia (Honduras) — champions of their respective countries except Aurora who are vice-champions — qualified for the semi final stage of the Central and North American and Caribbean Confederation's champion clubs trophy by taking top two places in two quarter final groups played in Guatemala and Honduras end June-beginning July.



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EAST GERMANY

THE second weekend of August saw the beginning of the new East German season and in the week before the first championship games several transfers still had to be confirmed.

Cup Winners and ten times Champions, BFC Dynamo kick off as favourites but it is their performance in the European Cup which will be under greater scrutiny.

Manager Bogs' Dynamoes just have not been able to move in to the European super class in the premier competition and, unfortunately, a tough, though very interesting first round draw with Werder Bremen looks likely to mean early dismissal.

The 'Greens from the Weser' visit Berlin for the first leg and have surprisingly been granted 10% of the tickets. Despite renovations in the summer of 1987, the Jahn-Sportpark is far too small to house all those from East and West who would like to see the two German champions meet.

Bremen, with the second leg at home, must be the more likely to go through but Otto Rehagel has been known to suffer the occasional hiccup. Apart from the astonishing win at Villa Park some years back, Dynamo are not the greatest travellers and as long as Votava and Co keep it tight at the back in Berlin, Werder should go through.

Tackle

Cup runners up Carl Zeiss Jena tackle the surprise packets of last season's Austrian Cup, SC Krems. The first game is on the Danube but the club with the oldest stand in the GDR Oberliga should be too strong for the Lower Austrians in Jena. Lok will expect to put out FC Aarau even if they have to await the second leg to nose ahead in Leipzig while it is anybody's guess who will emerge from the Aberdeen v Dynamo Dresden encounter. The Saxons, by the odd goal in the return in Dresden, might be a safe forecast.

In preparation for their European tie BFC were in Sofia for the Asparukov Memorial tournament. A 2-0 defeat of Zaragossa was a very satisfactory start. Keuler obtained both goals.

Vitosha, however, took the trophy by outgunning the East German champions in the final, with goals in the 16th, 37th and 90th minutes.

Fans will be hoping for more attractive football, especially from the top clubs. Perhaps Thom can become the sort of schemer spectators love to see but with strict man-for-man marking and tactics, the name of the game plus the nervousness many performers display when it comes to the big match crunch it could well be that gates will plummet.

Success at international, club and World Cup level is badly needed. The national team is the last of five to go in to action in Group 3 from which two qualify. Iceland are the visitors in mid September but the other seven games will be played between April and November 1989.

Perhaps it will all depend for the second place on the final match in the Group on November 15 next year when the GDR travels to meet the Austrians in the Prater?

NORWAY BAN

by PETER KEELING

NORWAY go into World Cup battle on September 14 at the Ulleval stadium, Oslo under new management – and with a man at the helm who will raise a few "who did you says!" from people who first hear his name.

The nation, who on a similar date in the same stadium seven years ago gave England a memorable World Cup drubbing, will be managed by 37-year-old Ingvar Stadheim.

And if his name does not strike an instant chord in European soccer it is not surprising, because he did not apply for the job, is not a high profile coach in his own country, and having been put on a short list of three, was the 33-1 outsider to get the job in the summer.

Stadheim, who works as a personnel manager in a bank, was a former defender with Sogndal in their Second Division days and also coached his old team.

He followed Tord Grip into the job by gaining a draw with tourists Brazil in July after taking over the job nobody wanted.

Grip, despite being in the job 18 months without a win, left because he was offered a better post with Young Boys in Berne.

The legendary Lillestrom star Tom Lund was first offered the job, but told the international committee that he was too busy training racehorses and running his various ancilliary activities.

Then Kent Karlsson was offered the post but decided instead to join Ollie Nordin as assistant coach to the Swedish national team.

Which left Stadheim almost completely embarrassing the Norwegian officials as he thought long and hard about the offer before accepting a two year contract.

It is doubtful if Stadheim will be much better known when his contract ends because he is a low profile figure and says: "I see this as just a job like anything else. I have a very good position at the bank and I thought twice about the offer."

Stadheim, who has appointed Third Division club coach Anders Faegri as his assistant, has a useful background with the Norwegian FA as coach to the National Under 16 and Under 18 squad, and in fact is on a similar path to the national team job that Andy Roxburgh followed with Scotland.

Stadheim has already indicated that the wholesale experimenting of his predecessor Grip will be followed by a more stable selection policy, but he is realistic and says: "My life does not depend on Norway qualifying for Italy."

Stadheim had indicated that all the country's professional players

EASTERN EUROPEAN REVIEW

DYNAMO ARE BOGGED DOWN

BULGARIA

RESPECT for Bulgarian football, which has ebbed away in recent years, will be even less if the representatives in the European Cup cannot do better during the coming season.

As it is, Bulgaria will probably be down to one UEFA place in 1989-90, a far cry from the days when the then CDNA were a club Europe's elite were pleased to avoid in the draw.

Vitosha, facing a second leg in Milan in the Champions Cup, will have few illusions while Sredets' chances look beter with Inter Bratislava due in Sofia for the return.

Slavia start their UEFA campaign in Belgrade while Trakia Plovdiv receive Dynamo Minsk. In both cases the Bulgarian clubs could have done with more attractive if no less testing ties and it is difficult to envisage more than one of the four representatives going into the hat for the second round.

That will probably be Sredets, who have strengthened their squad in the close season.

Two weeks before the new season begins, Slavia and Sliven have been involved in the Balkan Cup. Slavia dominated in Sliven and qualified for the final by winning the return in Sofia 4-2.

Arges Pitesti or Corvinul provide the opposition in the Final of a competition which now serves little more than to offer pre-league friendlies in South Eastern Europe.

SOVIET UNION

WITH half the 1988 season played it looks as if it will be a two horse race between Dynamo Kiev and Dnepr Dneperpetrovsk.

The later have the pedigree, the former a point lead at the time of writing but perhaps Kiev would be the better bet given their absence from European competition and the national team's relatively light, though far from unimportant, World Cup qualifying games this autumn.

After the visit to Iceland the 'Sbornaja' has a friendly in Düsseldorf in mid-September as preparation for the visit to the USSR of Hickersberger's Austrians for their first Group III match.

Thereafter there is not a competitive game until late April 1989. This should all be to Kiev's advantage though over-confidence may be the Ukrainian side's downfall.

In Moscow only a 1-1 draw with Lok could be managed despite territorial superiority. This should not be beyond the manager's remedies and come September rivals Dnepr will be embroiled in a tough UEFA tie with Girondis de Bordeaux.

Meanwhile, Spartak Moscow have slipped further behind. A single goal defeat at the hands of Araret gave encouragement to the following pack of Zenith, Torpedo and Jalgaris, the first Baltic Republic representatives in the European Cup.

OLEG PROTASOV

FK Austria Memphis make the trip to Vilnius in September for what will doubtless be a sell out. It is a pity that the same cannot be said for the return in the Prater.

At the foot of the league Araret seemed doomed and Cup Winners' Cup representatives Metallist Kharkov look to have gone to pieces after taking the USSR Cup.

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will be pulled into the squad and he will make full use of German Bundesliga players such as Rune Bratseth, Jorn Anderson, Kare Erik Merlovsen and Anders Giske.

Ironically Stadheim, only months before being appointed national coach, was turned down as coach for the Under-21 team "because he was not experienced enough".

But his down-to-earth approach has impressed a lot of people in the last month, especially as he has asked permission to carry on coaching the Under 18 side as well.

Headlines when he was appointed included Aftenposten's "Unknown Boss" banner lead; but unknown or not, he has a tough task and a formidable one in creating a new midfield to prepare for the inevitable loss of the great Hallver Thoresen.

Like most managers and coaches, what he needs most is time to enable good young players like Klaus Eftevaag to come through and succeed such as Thoresen.

The Scotland game will be a vital one for him; but in the cycle of events Norway are perhaps just about ready again to cause a major upset to a British team.

Sweden, of course, will be similarly trying to upset England, but at least the Swedish league season has caused some satisfaction to the anglophiles with Londoner Roy Hodgson carrying all before him again with Malmo.

With IFK Gothenburg in a transitional period at the moment, they are lying a sluggish second to Malmo after the early season sprint start by Sundsvaal was overcome.

Sundsvaal have still maintained a place high in the table for their best season for many years, and with impressive figures at the gate, while Djurgarden and Norrkopping are also enjoying useful seasons.

Back now in Sweden Bob Houghton is having problems with Orgryte, but at least had the satisfaction of getting rid of the distribution influence of Anders Limpard to Switzerland and collect £600,000 for his club.

But Orgryte could easily be dragged into the relegation whirlpool now that slow starters Gais are improving, and Osters, AIK Stockholm and Brage are picking up points.

After losing their Icelandic League title to Valur last season, Fram are romping away with the championship and with Omar Torfason having returned from Switzerland they are virtually "Home" already.

Former Liverpool and Aston Villa utility player Ian Ross, having coached Valur to another title last year, has not found the move to KA of Reykjavik a happy one, and after being knocked out of the Cup by a Third Division club, Ross is having his first unsuccessful season in five years in Iceland.

BY BOB VAUGHAN

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

JUST as professional football was being officially ushered in, for the second time in the country's history as it happens, came the Kubík-Knoflícek affair which, at best, looks likely to bring little joy to Slavia or team manager Dr Vengloš, respectively busy with preparations for the new season, which began on the second weekend of August, and the World Cup campaign.

Elements of farce seem to have surrounded the two Slavia players' departure in their training kit. Apparently, the two Czechs bounced out of their hotel in Lower Saxony and turned up in Belgium anxious to get to Britain and possibly Derby but with little identification.

Any club or national association is bound to be upset by such departures and it looks likely to be a story which will run and run. Perhaps even questions will be asked as to who spirited the players across at least one frontier, though this will be less significant after 1992.

It is all less subtle than Lesniak's method of joining Bayer Leverkusen and whether it will come to a meeting of the interested British parties, if that is what they are, Slavia, Pragosport, the Football Committee of the ÚV ČSTV and the families of the players looks doubtful.

A one year ban looks the most likely unless Pargosport is prepared to discuss some retrospective deal though that might be an uncomfortable precedent. Or will a certain British former Czech sign a cheque?

Back in Prague, the State Committee for Sport announced that footballers will earn their money as contract players. They will be full-timers on leave from their factory, enterprise or ministry in three categories.

Category One players will earn between five and seven thousand crowns as a basic wage which might be converted as about £400 to £600 a month.

Category Two players will be on three to five thousand crowns and the rates for Category Three run from three to four and a half thousand. To qualify for Category One, the understandable goal of top players, Czech and Slovak 'pros' have to meet a number of Criteria. They must have played in three internationals, for the 'A' team, won the Championship or Cup or come second or third in the National league.

POLAND

THE new Elite League season began in early August with last season's successful clubs having a poor day.

Champions Górnik could only draw at home with Slask Wroclaw, while UEFA representatives Legia lost to Olimpia in Poznań and GKS Katowice scraped a draw in Szezecin.

Cup Winners Lech were too strong for promoted GKS Jastrzebie which should give confidence for the campaign and the CWC ties with Flamurtari Vlora. It certainly seemed to have when Wisla visited Poznań to be sent home with a 3-0 defeat.

At Katowice in the second 'round' veteran international Rudy made his début for GKS against Chorzów in a goalless draw.

The main object of most of the 16 Elite clubs will be avoiding the bottom four places as from 1989-90 the top class will be reduced to 14. This is within the general context of soccer reform. The second class will also be reduced from two groups of 16 to one of 18.

HUNGARY

NO lack of activity off and on the field during a short close season can be reported.

The 4-0 home defeat inflicted by the Austrians had its repercussions with MLSZ (FA) President, Secretary and team manager Balint all going.

His head had been called for by the tiny crowd which attended the Népstadion for the Austria friendly and the return of György Mezey demanded. This is, in fact, what has happened and the new, old manager has accepted a five year contract.

It is an astonishing turn around when you think it is not so long since Mezey was banished following the humiliation of the national team in the World Cup by the Russians. Now he is back from the desert and charged with ensuring Hungary make it to Italy.

He hardly has any better material than that with which the luckless Balint was working and much may depend on the availability of stars playing abroad. At least Kiprich will be staying another season at Tatabánya though their European campaign looks almost certain to be short unless VfB Stuttgart can be held in the Neckarstadion.

The Honvéd count down to the Celtic tie has begun but holding any lead the Army side can gain in Budapest at Parkhead will be the key.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Békéscaba have had an early start, a preliminary round tie at home to Byrne of Norway. This hurdle was successfully taken, by 3-0 which should suffice for the late August return in Norway. Elöre Spartacus SC, to give the club its full name, is going to be busy as five league matches have to be played before the CWC First Round proper where, all being well in Norway, Sakaryaspor have to be visited.

Before the championship began on August 13, first division sides were warming up with international friendlies. To celebrate their 100 years MTK invited KK Austria Memphis and Wiener SC to Budapest for a four team tournament with Ferencváros – shades of 30 years ago!

FOR a number of years, the Greek First Division has been hosting a group of 'has been' foreign players who were either at the end of their playing career or were booted out of their native countries because they were not good enough.

Very few of them ever stood out for their performance and very few ever lasted more than one season.

But rich Olympiakos owner George Koskotas has put an end to that practice when he recently bought Hungarian World Cup star Lajos Detari from Eintracht Frankfurt.

While no price tag for the player has been announced, there were rumours that Koskotas paid out as much as 10 million dollars for the star midfielder.

"I've come to Greece to win a title for Olympiakos," Detari, who signed to play for at least three years with the Piraeus club, promised the 30,000 fans who turned out to greet him in the port city.

"Olympiakos is a team with a championship in mind. Eintracht was a team that was happy with finishing in the middle of the table. This played a key role in my decision to change teams.

"Also, Olympiakos plays in front of 60,000 spectators while Eintracht had about 15,000 fans at each match," he added.

Detari said he knows Greek soccer well as he played with the Hungarian national team six times against the Greeks.

"The Greek players are not only strong but have great skill," he said.

"We are very lucky to have a player such as Detari on our team," said Olympiakos coach Jacek Gmoch. "What can you say about such a great player?"

Koskotas, who besides owning Olympiakos, also controls a major Greek bank, three daily newspapers and a number of magazines, has given Gmoch a number of other players to help Olympiakos rebound from a disastrous last season.

Helping Detari in midfield will be Savvas Kofidis, purchased from Iraklis, who is considered the star player of the Greek national team.

"He is one of the Greek players who can play without any problem for any top European club," Gmoch said of Kofidis.

The attack was a sore point last season. But things are expected to change now that Argentine star Juan Gilberto Funes has lost weight and is moving a lot faster.

He will be getting help up front from Tasos Mitropoulos, Sakis Moustakidis and Mikis Drakopoulos.

The top goalkeeping position at Olympiakos belongs to Ilias Talikriadis while the full back positions will be contested by Stratos Apostolakis, Theodore Pahatouridis, Kyriakos Karataidis, Nikos Nerntidis, Alexis Alexiou, Haris Baniotis and Agapios Kaltaveridis.

AEK Athens are also up in the clouds with their top foreign player, Miroslav Okonski, the Polish star of Hamburg.

"I feel like I owe a lot to AEK already," said Okonski after hundreds of AEK fans greeted him at the airport on his arrival.

"I will perform as I did in my first year at Hamburg," he added, referring to 1986-87 when he was voted top foreign player in the Bundesliga.

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READERS LETTERS

THE problems of World Cup soccer in the States cannot be solved simply by looking at the last Olympiad.

No matter how popular the sport may be with the younger set, the fact remains that there is no professional league to speak of (the rock-em, sock-em Major Indoor Soccer League notwithstanding) and the television ratings for the last World Cup were downright miserable for the US networks who covered it.

Internationals played in the States rarely draw 10,000 fans. Will the fact that the World Cup would be held in America's backyard change all that?

Let us not forget to mention the woeful performances of the US in international competition. They haven't even qualified for the last eight World Cups, clinging to that 1-0 shock over England back in the 1950 tournament in Brazil as its last moment of true soccer glory.

Since then, such notable international powerhouses as Haiti and Costa Rica have eliminated the US from competition. Those who considered Morocco's application to be weak because of its prior international record obviously don't know much about the States' history.

Many have suggested all this isn't important, so long as the stadiums, accommodation, communication facilities and so forth are acceptable. But what good is a deluxe stadium when its empty?

Is it important to provide first class hotels for fans when there won't be any?

The average American sports fan would be hard-pressed to name any member of the US side and outside of Maradona and Pele, any soccer player at all.

Will they suddenly flock to see World Cup soccer simply because it's being held in their own country?

Perhaps for the possibility of a US-USSR match, there'd be a full house. But what about Paraguay-Iraq or Morocco-Portugal? Even in soccer-mad Mexico, interest in these matches was minimal. Certainly, it could only be worse north of the border.

No-one can seriously question the success of soccer at the Los Angeles Olympics. But can American World Cup hopes rest solely on that?

There are no other impressive figures to base hopes on because World Cup and even Olympic qualifying matches involving the US drew about as much fan and media interest as window-washing.

Even recent international competitions like the one in Los Angeles involving Dundee United, Guadalajara, Udinese and other famous clubs, played in the Olympic Coliseum, no less, could attract only a tiny gathering.

Youth soccer is being hailed as the saviour of the sport in America but it has nothing to do with interest in the World Cup.

Most children are interested in soccer from a participatory standpoint and nothing else. Parents watch them play because it's their child out there and not because they love the game.

They spend their leisure dollar on pro-baseball or American Football, not soccer.

Granted, a lot can happen between now and 1994. There could be a professional soccer league flourishing in the States with American stars who are household names.

The US national team could be holding its own with the Brazils and Argentinas of the soccer world, playing at home to crowds of 60,000 or 70,000.

But don't bet the 1994 World Cup on it.

David Wangerin,
Harborne,
Birmingham.

I WRITE to express my opinion on the 1988 European Championships.

The Finals did not produce matches of high drama. There was no excitement during the group matches and at no stage did one individual dominate the tournament.

Of all the competing nations, only Italy were a team of such skill, determination and class to thrill the spectators and millions back home watching on TV.

Although I am a West German fan, the hosts lacked determination and ideas to produce a winning formula. Too much pressure saw to that.

In my opinion, Denmark and England have to start again from scratch; Spain have to blend in new young players if they want to be a major force again; but the Republic of Ireland and the USSR will be major threats in years to come with their organisation.

Italy have a team good enough to win the 1990 World Cup in their own back yard if they hit form at the right moment, as they did in the 1982 World Cup.

Holland, on the other hand, are the masters of producing world class players. Although they did not deserve to win the tournament, they hit form at the right time.

As far as West Germany are concerned, the players should be united instead of fighting amongst themselves. The same attitude cost them the 1986 World Cup as well.

Franz Beckenbauer has done a remarkable job to restore confidence and if anybody is able to put the Germans on the map again, it is him.

Manjeet Lally,
Fenham,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

I HAVE subscribed to World Soccer for years and it's easily the most indispensable of all the magazines that I get.

I'm writing to express my admirataion and gratitude for your superb issue covering the European Nations' Cup. The reporting was wonderfully evocative and astute, the pictures were superb and I was particularly struck by the inclusion of Rinus Michels' words.

I watched many of the games on our Spanish language cable channel and your reports brought the games back to me, provided compelling background information and clarified my understanding of the tactical element.

I'm a soccer coach and an English teacher here at Park School and I'm passionately interested in and committed to both elegant soccer and language. The elegant soccer I saw, the elegant language you provided.

Dean Conway,
The Park School,
Brookline,
Massachusetts, USA.

THE introduction of the play-off system has undoubtedly been a great success in England.

Obviously, the third placed-team of the Second Division must have felt slightly cheated by the rule change as they would have been automatically promoted under the old system. But the pros of the play-offs outweigh the cons.

However, the third-placed team gains no advantage over the fourth or fifth placed team. Isn't that a little unfair?

An alternative play-off system could involve the third-placed team being seeded directly into the Final. The fourth-placed club gain a bye into the semi-final while the remaining two clubs play a quarter-final.

This system would reward teams which have a better league record than others. Unfortunately, it would further extend the league programme and the third-placed team would be fresher than their opponents in the Final.

There are many other possibilities which could involve more clubs in the play-offs.

Nigel Hodgson,
Fleetwood,
Lancashire.

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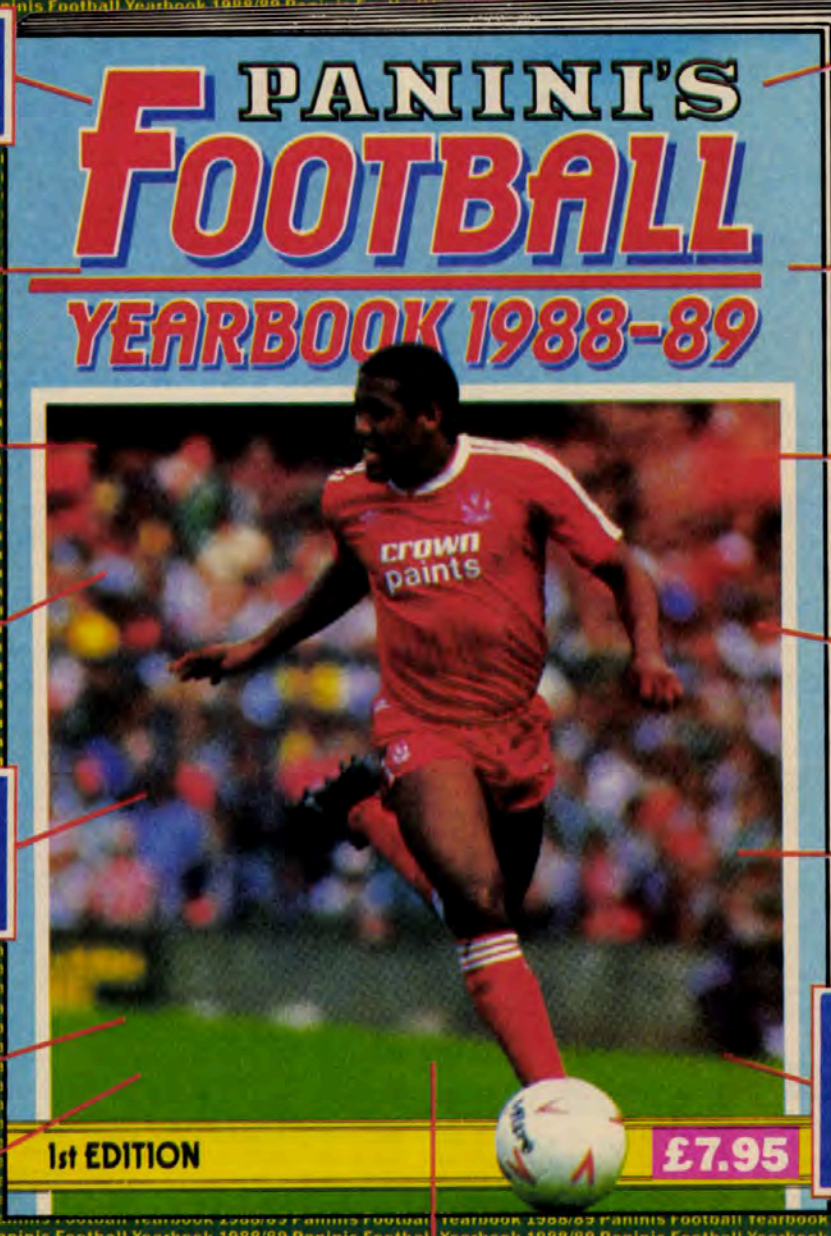

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UNITED STATES: The United States lose 2-0 to Poland in New Brittain, Conneticut. Roman Kosecki scores both goals.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

AUSTRALIA: A humiliation for World Cup holders Argentina, beaten 4-1 by an almost equally surprised Australia in Sydney. Paul Wade, skipper Charlie Yankos (two) and Vlado Bozinovski (good Aussie name!) score the goals for the hosts, with Oscar Ruggeri replying for Argentina in front of an 18,983 crowd. Australia had needed only a draw to qualify for the final against Brazil, Argentina had needed to win. Three Argentines are booked and at one stage police move in to break up a fracas on the pitch.

JORDAN: In the Arab championship in Amman, Syria beat Kuwait 1-0 and hosts Jordan beat 1982 and 1986 World Cup finalists Algeria 2-1.

SWITZERLAND: Relief for Real Madrid at a UEFA appeals hearing: the ban on Michel is cut from nine to three games and the ban on Hugo Sanchez from three to one.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

ACTION: In the Arab championship in Amman, Iraq beat Saudi Arabia 2-0, both goals coming from World Cup star Ahmed Radi ... in the South American club cup, Nacional of Uruguay beat Millionarios 4-1 in Montevideo to overtake America Cali at the top of group three.

FRANCE: The new French championship gets under way with a 1-1 draw between Monaco and Nantes. Mark Hateley, with a header, provides the first goal of the season.

HUNGARY: Gyorgy Mezey, who quit under a cloud after Hungary's World Cup failure in Mexico in 1986, is reappointed as national manager on a six-year contract. Mezey, who has been working in Kuwait, succeeds Laszlo Balint.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

ACTION: In the World Cup African qualifiers, Uganda beat Malawi 1-0 in Kampala with a 64th-minute goal from Sunday Mokiri in front of a 12,000 crowd ... in the Bicentennial Gold Cup in Australia, Argentina take third place by defeating Saudi Arabia 2-0 in Canberra. Diego Simeone (four minutes) and Oscar Dertycia (30) score for Argentina; Saudi goalkeeper Salem Marwan is sent off in the 35th minute for punching Argentine sweeper Mario Lucca ... in the Arab Cup in Amman, hosts Jordan win again — this time beating Syria 2-0. Kuwait and Bahrain draw 1-1 ... in the South American club cup, Filanbanco of Ecuador lose 2-1 at home in Milagro to San Lorenzo of Argentina.

FRANCE: Enzo Scifo, on loan to Bordeaux from Internazionale, is not only the midfield inspiration but scores both goals in a 2-0 victory over Auxerre.

GREECE: An informal meeting of Sports Ministers from the Common Market member states agrees to organise a special conference, also to be held in Greece, to consider the special problems caused to sport by implementation of European Community policy to scrap internal barriers.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

AUSTRALIA: Brazil win the Bicentennial Gold Cup thanks to 2-0 victory over hosts Australia in the final in Sydney. A 28,161 crowd sees the match decided by goals from Romario (56 minutes) and Muller (67). Brazil hold on despite having defender Jorginho sent off in the 61st minute for a rugby tackle on Scott Ollerenshaw ... FIFA president Joao Havelange announces that the future of the Oceania confederation is up for discussion by FIFA's executive at the Rome congress in 1990. It is thought that Oceania may be formally disbanded as a confederation and the membership switched, as several would prefer, into the Asian confederation.

COSTA RICA: Costa Rica and Panama draw 1-1 in a World Cup qualifier in Alajuela, just outside San Jose. A 20,000 crowd sees Panama go ahead in the 17th minute and then, six minutes later, have Carlos Acosta sent off for deliberate hands. Costa Rica equalise in the 24th minute but fail to take advantage of their numerical superiority. Benigno Guido even misses a 57th-minute penalty.

JORDAN: In the Arab championship in Amman, Tunisia and Lebanon draw 1-1 — thus assuring Egypt, held goalless by Iraq, of a place in the semi-finals. Egypt will now play Syria in the semi-finals while hosts Jordan play Iraq.

WEST GERMANY: Werder Bremen's Norwegian central defender,Rudi Bratseth, is the latest target for Manchester United, seeking a replacement for transfer-listed European championship star Paul McGrath.

MONDAY, JULY 18

ENGLAND: Wembley officials announce details of the four-team tournament on August 13 and 14 involving Tottenham, Arsenal, Bayern Munich and Milan.

ITALY: Algerian forward Rabah Madjer arrives in Milan for medical tests ordered by Internazionale to decide whether he should undergo an operation for a muscle injury suffered while playing in Spain in February, or whether they cancel his controversial, troublesome transfer from FC Porto.

TURKEY: Provincial club Malatyaspor sign Brazilian World Cup veterans Eder and Serginho on two-year contracts worth £450,000 ach. They are also expecting to sign 1986 World Cup goalkeeper Carlos.

URUGUAY: Nacional beat fellow Uruguayans Wanderers 1-0 in a South American club cup-tie.

TUESDAY, JULY 19

BOLIVIA: Oriente Petrolero beat Olimpia of Paraguay, former world club champions, by 1-0 in a South American club cup group four tie. Celio Alves scores the only goal from a 62nd-minute penalty to delight a 25,000 crowd in La Paz. Oriente top the group with four points from two games.

BRAZIL: Guarani beat San Jose 1-0 to qualify for the Sao Paulo championship final against Corinthians — who beat Santos 2-0 on Sunday to qualify.

JORDAN: In the semi-finals of the Arab championship in Amman, Iraq beat their Jordanian hosts 3-0 and Syria surprisingly beat Egypt 4-3 on penalties after a goalless draw.

SWITZERLAND: IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch pats the Olympic movement on the back for approaching the Seoul Games with no major boycott threatened — which means, among other things, one of the best-balanced Olympic football tournaments for years.

UNITED STATES: The crisis-hit MISL, on the brink of collapse, gives Tacomo Stars an extension to a deadline for applying for membership. The Stars, under different owners, had folded a fortnight earlier.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

BRAZIL: The CBF decides that they will only authorise international transfer documents if the purchasing foreign club agrees to release its prospective new Brazilian signing whenever he is needed for the Brazil national team. Acting CBF president Nabi Abi Chedad says: "We had to take strong measures. Otherwise we would have had trouble bringing back all our players in time to prepare for next year's World Cup qualifiers."

CHILE: In the South American club cup, Universidad Catolica beat old rivals Colo Colo 1-0 in a group one tie in Santiago. Espinoza scores the only goal after 23 minutes in front of a 22,300 crowd. This is the first match in the group which also comprises Tachira and Maritimo of Venezuela.

ITALY: Internazionale decide to pull out of the bid to sign Algerian World Cup forward Rabah Madjer from FC Porto. Further medical examinations suggest that a thigh muscle injury suffered while playing for Valencia in Spain earlier in the year, might recur at any time. Inter bosses move quickly to sign Ramon Diaz from Fiorentina, instead, as their third foreigner for the new season. The others are West Germans Lothar Mathaus and Andy Brehme.

NORWAY: The Norwegian federation confirm the appointment of Ingvar Stadheim, 37-year-old former coach to Sogndal, Kongsvinger and the national youth team, as new manager of the senior national side.

WEST GERMANY: Champions Werder Bremen easily beat cup-holders Eintracht Frankfurt 2-0 in the Supercup. Karlheinz Riedle and Manfred Burgsmuller (89) score the goals.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

ARGENTINA: In the South American club cup, Argentine clubs San Lorenzo and Newell's Old Boys draw 0-0 in Buenos Aires in a group two tie. But Barcelona of Ecuador remain three points clear of the Argentine pair at the top of the table after four games apiece ... national boss Carlos Bilardo, returning home after the Australian Bicentennial disaster, says he is not worried about bad results. Bilardo says: "The team which won the World Cup was the team we used in 1986. This one is another team. We have had to start again almost from scratch." ... former national captain Daniel Passarella turns down an offer from River Plate to come out of retirement.

AUSTRALIA: Aussie federation officials announce plans to switch to a summer season for the 1989-90 campaign to try to boost soccer's popularity. National League manager Peter Russell says the switch must be ratified by the NSL's annual meeting in September.

ITALY: Juventus say they have temporarily given up hope of trying to sign Soviet European championship stars Alexander Zavarov and Oleg Protasov from Kiev Dynamo. President Giampiero Boniperti is said to have turned his interest towards PSV Eindhoven's Gerald Vanenburg ... Diego Maradona returns from holiday in Polynesia to criticise the transfer campaign carried out by Napoli since the end of last season. He says he would have preferred to have fellow Argentine Sergio Batista alongside rather than the new Brazilian, Alemao. He also attacks the sale of mutineer Salvatore Bagni.

JORDAN: In the final of the Arab championship Iraq beat Syria 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in Amman. This is Iraq's fourth triumph in an event they had previously won in 1964, 1966 and 1985. In the third-place match, Egypt beat Jordan 2-0.

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MEXICO: Mario Velarde resigns as coach to Mexico's national team following the Mexicans' two-year international suspension for age-fixing.

SPAIN: Barcelona finally agree the sale of European championship midfielder and former club captain Victor to Sampdoria after several weeks of haggling over a transfer fee. Victor, whose contract had expired, had tried to escape being saddled with a fee by signing on the equivalent of social security. Barcelona will get £100,000 plus the proceeds of a friendly match between the clubs . . . Barcelona also agree to release Steve Archibald after an unpleasant scene at the club's 'presentation' when Archibald is escorted out of the Nou Camp stadium by security guards.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

ACTION: In the South American club cup, Alianza of Peru are beaten 1-0 at home in Lima by Sport Recife of Brazil and Paraguay's Olimpia are beaten again in Bolivia — this time 2-0 by Bolivar.

BELGIUM: About 100 Italian victims and relatives of those who died in the 1985 Heysel disaster open legal action against Belgian civil and police officials as well as against UEFA president Jacques Georges and general secretary Hans Bangerter. A court committal is set for October 17. The plaintiffs want damages of between £10,000 and £300,000.

HOLLAND: Groningen sell former Everton cast-off Paul Mason to Aberdeen for £500,000.

ITALY: The Italian government announces £3.5 billion funding for the 1990 World Cup finals. This includes grants for building roads and £33million for promotion of tourism. A deadline of April 30, 1990 — one month before the start of the finals — is set for all work to be completed . . . Napoli coach Ottavio Bianchi hits back at Maradona, saying: "If Maradona thinks he is club president let him come down to our training camp and hand me a letter of dismissal. And when he talks about Bianchi in future he can call me 'Signor' Bianchi" . . . the Italian Olympic committee says a special inquiry shows that drug abuse is a more prevalent problem in Italian sport than had been thought.

PORTUGAL: FC Porto sell little Rui Barros to Juventus for £1.8million — a surprise capture by the Italians, who were thought to be poised to sign PSV's Vanenburg.

SIERRE LEONE: The government disbands the national team and sacks the manager, coach and team doctor after dismal performances in the Amilcar Cabral Cup in Giunea Bissau in May. State President Joseph Momoh, a former first division player, says: "There has been ample evidence of our boys' indiscipline and unpatriotism and they even compromised their principles. An example must be set."

UNITED STATES: More trouble for MISL as one of the most successful outfits, Cleveland Force, shut down.

WEST GERMANY: In the first two matches of the new Bundesliga season, Stuttgart beat Borussia Dortmund 2-1 — with a late winner from new Yugoslav Srecko Katanec — and Waldhof Mannheim draw 1-1 at home to Bayer Leverkusen.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

AUSTRIA: The new season opens with champions Rapid losing 1-0 away to VSE St Poelten. Traditional rivals FK Austria win 3-1 at home to Linzer ASK.

FRANCE: A goal in each half from Stephane Paille keeps promoted Sochaux on top of the first division with a 2-0 win at home to Racing Paris. Racing slip to bottom of the two-round table and have now gone 15 league matches without a victory. Champions Monaco beat Riviera rivals Cannes 2-0 with goals from Toure and Hoddle. Rival Britons Mo Johnston and Brian Stein both scores in Nantes' 3-2 win over promoted Caen. In Paris there is a rare postponement at the Parc des Princes after a downpour prevents Paris Saint-Germain kicking off against Bordeaux.

ITALY: Maradona hits back, in turn, at Napoli coach Bianchi, saying: "We all thought the coach should have been changed at the end of last season. Instead I see he is still there. I suppose the president (Corrado Ferlaino) must have his reasons."

SWITZERLAND: The new season starts with champions Xamax Neuchatel surprisingly held 2-2 at home by Bellinzona. There is also hooligan trouble (in Switzerland!) — police fire rubber bullets into the air to break up clashes between rival fans of FC Zurich and Basel.

WEST GERMANY: Champions Werder Bremen start the new season with a 2-1 win in the local derby against Hamburg, after going a goal behind after 14 minutes. Bayern Munich beat Eintracht Frankfurt 3-0 with all the goals coming in the last 15 minutes from Klaus Augenthaler (two) and Johnny Ekstroem, on his Bundesliga debut.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

BRAZIL: National manager Carlos Alberto da Silva says he wants to quit after the Olympics. Silva, who is also boss of Cruzeiro, says: "I hope we win the gold medal in Seoul and then someone else can have a go. I'm tired of the injustice of the criticism I have to take. People don't seem to understand the problems: that we have no time to practice together, many of the players are on their way to Europe and our annual fixture list is totally unpredictable." The long-term favourite to succeed Silva is a former Brazil boss, Carlos Alberto Parreira, now in Saudi Arabia . . . in the first leg of the Sao Paolo league title play-off, Corinthians and Guarani draw 1-1.

JAMAICA: In Kingston, in a World Cup qualifier, Jamaica are held goalless by the United States. American skipper Rick Davis is shown the yellow card for arguing with Honduran referee Julio Lopez.

MONDAY, JULY 25

EAST GERMANY: Sports/politics organisations decide to go ahead with a programme to attract televised-based advertisers from the west to use East German sports events (including football) as another way of getting the message across!

ENGLAND: Everton win the race with Arsenal to sign West Ham's England striker Tony Cottee. The fee is a domestic record £2.5million.

FRANCE: Marseille, with one point from the first two games of the new French season, replace coach Gerard Banide with youth trainer Gerard Gili. Rags-to-riches financier Bernard Tapie, who owns the club, says: "I am giving the club all the resources to be champions so I want results. If you're paying one of the top three budgets in the league then you should expect your team to be among at least the top three."

SWITZERLAND: Signs of breaking out at Napoli where general manager Luciano Moggi says that "good sense has prevailed (between Diego Maradona and coach Ottavio Bianchi). Maradona has sent his best wishes to his team-mates and to Bianchi and will see them all as planned for the start of pre-season training." Maradona is currently at a health farm in north-east Italy.

SOUTH AFRICA: Former England captain Kevin Keegan flies in to coach and to play for a Cape Town team. He says: "I am not worried about the repercussions of my visit here. I am a sportsman. The only person I

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answer to is myself. If they blacklist me, so what ?"

TUESDAY, JULY 26

BOLIVIA: In a South American club cup tie, Oriente Petrolero are held to a 2-2 draw by visiting Cerro Porteno of Paraguay in group four. The point secures Oriente a place in the second round even though they still have one game to play. Both their goals come from Celio Alves.

BRAZIL: The CBF drops Muller from the European tour squad after he is late reporting back to Rio de Janeiro after signing for the Italian club, Torino.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA decides that clubs involved in the European competitions can have an extra week after the Olympics to prepare for their first round second legs — i.e. they can play on October 12 rather than October 5. It's good news, in particular, for the Italian clubs whose league championship only starts on October 9 . . . UEFA complains that the naming of president Jacques Georges and general secretary Hans Bangerter in a damages action by victims of the Heysel disaster is at odds with the judicial investigation which "raised no complaints or allegations of negligence against UEFA or its officials."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

FRANCE: Sochaux drop their first point of the season in a 0-0 draw against trouble-torn Marseille.

GREECE: AEK Athens and Galatasaray draw 2-2 in front of a 35,000 crowd in the first meeting between teams of Greece and Turkey in 21 years.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA decides to lift, at the end of the year, a ban on the use of the Feyenoord stadium in Rotterdam. It was suspended until July 1990 after a firework knocked out the Cyprus goalkeeper at last year's European championship qualifier between Holland and the Cypriots.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

ITALY: Diego Maradona apologises to Napoli coach Ottavio Bianchi "for all that has happened." But mutineer midfielder Salvatore Bagni disputes Napoli's right to loan him away to promoted Bologna.

PANAMA: Panama lose 2-0 at home in the World Cup qualifiers to Costa Rica, who progress 3-1 on aggregate to the final qualifying round. Costa Rica should be playing Mexico in the next round but the Mexicans are suspended from international football so Costa Rica have a walkover.

SWEDEN: Sweden and Brazil draw 1-1 in the Rasunda stadium in Stockholm. Jorginho puts Brazil ahead in the 27th minute; Jan Hellstrom equalises five minutes before the end. In the 76th minute Hellstrom is brought down by Ricardo but Taffarel saves Peter Lonn's penalty with his foot.

VENEZUELA: Sport Maritmo and Universidad Catolica of Chile draw 0-0 in a South American club cup-tie in Caracas.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

ARGENTINA: In the South American club cup, Newell's Old Boys beat Barcelona of Ecuador 3-0 in Rosario to ensure qualification for the next stage. The goals come from Rossi (two) and Pautasso.

ENGLAND: Derby officials claim to be "mystified" by reports linking the two runaway Czechoslovaks, Knoflicek and Kubik, with the Baseball Ground. The two defectors are stuck in Zeebrugge still . . . Nico Claesen, Belgian World Cup forward, is sold to Antwerp by Tottenham after less than two years at White Hart Lane. Meanwhile Spurs boss Terry Venables inquiries about borrowing Moroccan-born defender Mohammed Ali Amar, known as Nayim, from Barcelona . . . Steve Mills, former Southampton and England under-23 fullback, dies in hospital after suffering for two years from leukaemia.

ITALY: Ramon Diaz and Lothar Matthaus score the goals as new-look Internazionale open their new season's preparations by defeating SPAL 2-0 in Ferrara . . . Juventus deny reports linking them with Celtic's Paul McStay.

SOUTH AFRICA: Darren Bradley of West Bromwich and Osher Williams of Preston are to be the subject of an English Football League investigation into alleged contravention of FIFA rules by playing in Cape Town during the summer. They risk heavy suspension if the case is proved.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA's official report on the European championship finals plays down the hooliganism which resulted in more than 2,000 arrests. It compares the violence to an average weekend in the Bundesliga!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

ACTION: In the South American club cup, Maritimo of Venezuela lose 1-0 at home to Colo Colo of Chile in group one, and San Lorenzo beat Filanbanco of Ecuador 2-0 in group two. This victory means San Lorenzo overtake Barcelona and qualify for the second round with their Argentine compatriots from Newell's Old Boys.

ENGLAND: Surprise, surprise. Representatives of Derby say they will, after all, meet Czechoslovak defectors Knoflicek and Kubik in a bid to find "an acceptable solution" to the impasse. The Czechoslovak federation suggests a meeting between officials from Derby, Slavia and federation secretary Rudolf Bata.

HUNGARY: A Hungarian football revolution is on its way. As part of a package of measures aimed at tackling match-fixing, the federation decide to introduce penalty shoot-outs for all league matches which are all-square at 90 minutes. Winners in 90 minutes will receive three points, shoot-out winners two points and shoot-out losers one point. A further change involves the introduction of relegation/promotion play-offs at the end of the season involving the teams finishing 13th and 14th in the first division, and the teams who finish runners-up in the two second division groups.

SPAIN: Atletico Madrid reinstate former skipper Juan Arteche, whom president Jesus Gil had earlier transfer-listed for smoking too much and spending too much time on his own sports equipment business. Arteche had threatened to take Atletico to court. Gil says: "Those players whom you like more, you push more. If they let you down then you punish them more." Gil refuses to reinstate sacked midfielders Quique Setien and Quique Ramos.

WEST GERMANY: UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen beat European champions PSV Eindhoven 1-0 in a friendly 'clash of the multi-nationals' in Leverkusen. Poland striker Marek Lesniak scores the winner in the 72nd minute after a mistake by Ronald Koeman.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

AUSTRIA: Austria lose 2-0 to Brazil in Vienna, even though the Brazilians have defender Batista sent off in the 65th minute for fouling Peter Pacult. Edmar (59 minutes) and Andrade (87) score the goals.

ENGLAND: League club chairmen decide to accept the £11million-a-year four-year exclusive television deal with ITV. Simultaneously the BBC announce an exclusive £6million-a-year agreement with the FA to cover internationals and FA Cup-ties.

PORTUGAL: Raphael Meade, sidelined for most of the past year by Sporting Lisbon, signs for Dundee United.

SWITZERLAND: In a Bern tournament semi-final, Everton — complete with new signings Cottee, Nevin and McDonald — beat Cruzeiro of Brazil 2-1. Watson and Sharp score for Everton, Balu late in the game for Cruzeiro.

YUGOSLAVIA: Red Star Belgrade defender Miodrag Krivokapic signs for Dundee United.

MULLER . . . dropped by Brazil in a row with his new club, Torino.

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WORLD CUP QUALIFYING
CONCACAF Zone — Group 2

July 17

COSTA RICA 1
PANAMA 1
HT: 1-1

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Libertadores Cup
First round, Group 2

July 6

BARCELONA (Ecuador) 4 (Carlos Alberto, Izquierdo og, Toninho Vieira, Jimenez)
FILANBANCO (Ecuador) (Cuvi 2)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Jorge Orellana (Ecuador)

Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, Montanero, Quiñonez, Alcivar, Vasquez (Sanchez), Quinteiros, Vieira, Goncalvez (Jimenez), Taberna, Carlos Enrique.

Filanbanco: Rodriguez, Bravo, Macias, Valencia, Capurro, Hurtado, Carrion (Dominguez), Preciado, Cuvi, Bravo, Muñoz (Paulo Cesar).

ALTHOUGH Filanbanco played defensively (4-5-1), they took the lead through Cuvi after 11 minutes, but Carlos Alberto — one of Barcelona's four Brazilian players who did well — equalised from a free-kick a minute later. Barcelona fell behind again when Filanbanco also missed a penalty, but the former played a faster, more effective game in the second half to score three goals — two more by Brazilian's Toninho Vieira and Adilio.

NEWELL'S OLD BOYS (Argentina) 0
SAN LORENZO (Argentina) 0
Ref: Jorge Romero (Argentina)

Newell's Old Boys: Scoponi, Basualdo, Theiler, Pautasso, Sensini, Martino, Llopp, Rossi, Alfaro, Balbo, Almiron.

San Lorenzo: Pogany, Malvarez, Marchi, Coloccini, Riquelme, Madelon, Giunta, Ortega Sanchez, Gorosito, Tedini (Rifoucat), Acosta (Ferreyra).

WITH both teams going out for attack and playing attractive soccer, this match was far different from the usual fare served up in these cup matches. San Lorenzo's virtually "new" team — they signed eight players since the end of their national championship — clicking surprisingly well, came slightly closer to scoring while Newell's showed the better team work and rotation.

July 12

FILANBANCO (Ecuador) 1 (Hurtado)
NEWELL'S OLD BOYS (Argentina) 1 (Balbo)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Amando Perez (Colombia)

Filanbanco: Rodriguez, Freddy Bravo, Valencia, Vite, Macias, Carrion, Preciado, Dominguez (Muñoz), Hurtado, David Bravo (Batija), Cuvi.

Newell's Old Boys: Scoponi, Basualdo, Theiler, Pautasso, Sensini, Llop, Martino, Rossi, Alfaro, Balbo (Scaboni), Almiron (Ramos).

FILANBANCO lined up six midfielders in the first half so that they virtually did not attack — tactics which angered their fans who protested loudly at the break. Their Chilean coach, Santibañez, perhaps because of the protests, sent on an extra attacker (Muñoz), for the second half and his team attacked more. Filanbanco were handicapped by having Carrion sent off 17 minutes from the end and then Muñoz was also given marching orders with three minutes to go.

July 13

BARCELONA (Ecuador) 2 (Izquierdo pen., Taverna)
SAN LORENZO (Argentina) 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 47,000. **Ref:** Jesus Diaz (Colombia)

Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, H. Quiñonez, Quinteros, Alcivar, Ordoñez, Toninho, Adilio, Jimenez, Taverna (L. Quiñonez), Carlos Henrique.

San Lorenzo: Pogany, Riquelme, Marchi, Malvarez, Giunta, Coloccini, Tedini, Madelon, Acosta, Ortega Sanchez, Gorosito (Ferreira).

SAN LORENZO looked better at the start, but Barcelona gradually took the upper hand, with Taverna and Ordoñez standing out, and deserved their 2-0 half-time lead. In the second half San Lorenzo pressed more as Barcelona played more defensively and held them well.

July 16

FILANBANCO (Ecuador) 1 (Cuvi)
SAN LORENZO (Argentina) 2 (Ortega Sanchez, Ferreira)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** José Wright (Brazil)

Filanbanco: Rodriguez, F. Bravo, Vite, Valencia, Capurro, Hurtado (Botija), J. Macias (Dominguez), Preciado, D. Bravo, Moreno, Cuvi.

San Lorenzo: Pogany, Malvarez, Marchi, Larraquy, Riquelme, Madelon, Giunta, Ortega Sanchez, Tedini, Ferreira (Villarreal), Gorosito (Rifourcat).

UNMARKED Cuvi headed Filanbanco into the lead following a corner after 15 minutes and his team controlled the action for the rest of the first half. But San Lorenzo pressed from the start of the second half to score after six and 24 minutes, but Botija almost equalised when he headed against the crossbar four minutes later.

July 17

BARCELONA (Ecuador) 0
NEWELL'S OLD BOYS (Argentina) 0
Ref: Jose Assis de Aragao (Brazil)

Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, Quinteros, H. Quiñores, Alcivar, Ordoñez, Vieira, Adilio (Vasquez), Jimenez, L. Quiñonez (Argeuello), Carlos Enrique.

Newell's Old Boys: Scoponi, Fallana, Theiler, Pautasso, Sensini, Martino, Llop, Rossi, Alfaro (Basualdo), Balbo (Sen), Ramos.

NEWELL'S were a bit superior in the first half, but ironically it was their goalkeeper, Scoponi, who had to work hardest to keep Barcelona out. In the second half both teams relied on counter-attack, but both were tired near the end when the Argentine team came closer to opening the score.

July 21

SAN LORENZO (Argentina) 0
NEWELL'S OLD BOYS (Argentina) 0
Ref: Juan Bava (Argentina)

San Lorenzo: Pogany, Villarreal, Marchi, Larraquy (Coloccini), Riquelme, Madelon, Giunta, Ortega Sanchez, Gorosito (Rifourcat), Ferreira, Tedini.

Newell's Old Boys: Scoponi, Basualdo, Theiler, Pautasso, Sensini, Llop, Martino (Fullana), Rossi, Alfaro, Ramos, Almiron.

BOTH teams seemed to settle for a draw from the start — a result which suited them both — and there was little goal action and a lot of midfield play under persistent rain.

FILANBANCO (Ecuador) 1 (D. Bravo)
BARCELONA (Ecuador) 2 (Jiminez 2)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Alfredo Rodas (Ecuador)

Filanbanco: Rodriquez, F. Bravo, Valencia, Vite, Capurro, Preciado, D. Bravo, Hurtado, Carrion, Cuvi, Muñoz (Moreno).

Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, H. Quiñonez, Quinteros, Alcivar, Toninho, Adilio, Luis Quiñonez, Jimenez, Lupo Quiñonez (Klinger), Carlos Henrique.

BARCELONA fought harder for victory and had the early chances, but Filanbanco took the lead after 13 minutes, Jimenez equalised within a minute and scored the winner 12 minutes after the break.

Group 2 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona (Ecuador)	4	3	1	0	8	3	7
San Lorenzo (Ar'tina)	4	1	2	1	2	3	4
Newell's OB (Ar'tina)	4	0	4	0	1	1	4
Filanbanco (Ecuador)	4	0	1	3	5	9	1

Group 2

June 29

WANDERERS (Uruguay) 0
NACIONAL (Uruguay) 0
Ref: Otello Roberto (Uruguay). **Att:** 6,000

Wanderers: Otero, Diaz (Sanguinetti), Gonzalo, Madrid (Paolino), Delgado, Peña, Berger, Carvallo, Castro, Di Pascua, Acosta.

Nacional: Sere, Lasarte, Revelez, Gomez, Pintos Saldanha, Castro, Ostolaza, Lemos, Olivera (Lopez), De Lima (Chilindron), Vargas.

CLOSE marking by both teams resulted in a boring match. Nacional tried harder to attack, while Wanderers, with two key strikers absent — Baez, suspended, Cabanillas injured — put in all their efforts to stop them.

June 30

MILLIONARIOS (Colombia) 2 (Pimentel, Juarez)
AMERICA (Colombia) 3 (Avila, Battaglia, Gareca)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Abel Gnecco (Argentina)

Millionarios: Cousillas, Gamero, Prince, Cuesta, Garcia, Pimentel, Videla (Diaz), Vanemerak, Iguaran, Juarez, Hernandez (Raigoza).

America: Falcioni, Valencia, Porras, Luna, Aponte, Coll, Santin, Escobar (Paez), Battaglia (Maturana), Garecca, De Avila.

AMERICA took their chances better against a mistake-prone Millionarios defence while their goalkeeper, Falcioni, made some good saves to keep Millionarios' efforts out.

July 5

WANDERERS (Uruguay) 1 (Berger)
AMERICA (Colombia) 2 (Santin, Ortiz)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Carlos Esposito (Argentina)

Wanderers: Otero, Gonzalez, Paulino (Rebollo), Diaz (Quagliatta), Peña, Delgado, Peletti, Berger, Acosta, Castro, Di Pascua.

America: Falcioni, Aponte, Luna, Valencia, Coll, Porras, Battaglia (Ortiz), Escobar (Noe), Gareca, Santin, De Avila.

WANDERERS were on top, but America's fast counter-attacks were more effective and they managed to score the winner through experienced veteran Willington Ortiz, who had come on as a second-half substitute, seven minutes from the end.

July 8

NACIONAL (Uruguay) 2 (Revelez, Vargas)
AMERICA (Colombia) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Juan Loustau (Argentina)

Nacional: Sere, Gomez, Lasarte, Revelez, Pintos Saldana, Ostoloza, Lemos, Moran (Olivera), Vargas, De Lima (Cardaccio), Castro.

America: Falcioni, Luna, Porras, Aponte, Valencia, Santin, Coll, Noe, Battaglia, Gareca, De Avila (Ortiz).

NACIONAL controlled play against a nervous America — their players frequently argued among themselves — and Falcioni also saved a penalty to stop a third Nacional goal.

July 12

WANDERERS (Uruguay) 2 (Acosta 2)
MILLIONARIOS (Colombia) 1 (Estrada)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Lucio Gonzalez (Paraguay)

Wanderers: Otero, Gonzalez, Rebollo, Diaz, Delgado, Peña, Peletti, Berger, Di Pascua, Castro (Quagliatta), Acosta (Carballo).

Millionarios: Cousillas, Prince, Cuesta, Galeano, Gamero, Vanemerack, Diaz (Bernal), Pimentel, Estrada, Juarez, Iguaran.

IN a foul-riddled match Wanderers had striker Di Pascua sent off after only two minutes, but they pressed more as Millionarios apparently pulled back to play for an away point. Wanderers had more of the ball, but they lacked precision and goal punch. Then they fell back to defend a 1-0 half-time lead until the Colombian team's equaliser put them on the attack again. Acosta scored Wanderers' winner — his second goal — with 20 minutes to go.

July 15

NACIONAL (Uruguay) 4 (Lemos 2, Cardaccio, Castro)
MILLIONARIOS (Colombia) 1 (Iguaran)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Carlos Maciel (Paraguay)

Nacional: Sere, Gomez, Lasarte, Revelez, Pintos Saldana, Lemos, Ostolaza, Moran, Vargas, De Lima, Castro.

Millionarios: Cousillas, Gamero, Pimentel, Cuesta, Galeano, Pizza, Bernal, Diaz, Estrada, Juarez, Iguaran.

MILLIONARIOS, needing points to stay in contention, tried to play attacking soccer, but their defence made mistakes which were taken advantage of by Nacional's forwards.

July 18

NACIONAL (Uruguay) 1 (Moran)
WANDERERS (Uruguay) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Artemio Sencion (Uruguay)

Nacional: Sere, Gomez, Lasarte, Revelez, Pintos Saldana, Lemos, Ostolaza, Moran, Vargas (Cardazzio), De Lima, Castro.

Wanderers: Otero, Diaz, Gonzalez, Rebollo, Delgado, Berger, Peña, Castro (Quagliatta), Peletti, Cabanillas (Carballo), Acosta.

A LOT of midfield play and interruptions for fouls — 34 in the first half alone — were the main features of this match decided by a Moran header after 61 minutes. It could have gone either way.

July 19

AMERICA (Colombia) 2 (Battaglia 2)
MILLIONARIOS (Colombia) 1 (Diaz)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Ricardo Calabria (Argentina)

America: Falcioni, Valencia, Aponte, Espinosa, Porras, Luna (Guerrero), Santin, Escobar (Coll), Battaglia, Gareca, De Avila.

Millionarios: Calle, Gamero, Conde, Cuesta, Galeano, Mesa, Bernal (Giron), Diaz, Estrada (Abonia), Juarez, Iguaran.

AMERICA had to fight to beat a suspension and injury-weakened Millionarios after falling behind three minutes after the break. The win gave America enough points to clinch a second-round place. It was a good, exciting match of the type not often seen in this tournament.

July 22

AMERICA (Colombia) 1 (Santin)
WANDERERS (Uruguay) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Enrique Labo (Peru)

America: Falcioni (Zape), Porras, Espinosa, Valencia, Aponte, Luna, Paez, Santin, Battaglia, De Avila, Gareca (Guerrero).

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Wanderers: Otero, Diaz, Gonzalez, Delgado, Peña, Rebello, Berger, Di Pascua, Acosta, Cabanillas (Peletti), Carballo.

WANDERERS were outplayed, especially after having Peña sent off in the 21st minute. America's goal came just on half-time and Wanderers pressed for an equaliser in the second half to make goalkeeper Zape one of America's outstanding players with De Avila while Di Pascua and Acosta shone for Wanderers. The result eliminated both Wanderers and Millionarios from the tournament.

Group 3 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America (Colombia)...	5	4	0	1	8	6	8
Nacional (Uruguay) ...	4	3	1	0	7	1	7
Wanderers (Uruguay)	5	1	1	3	3	5	3
Millionarios (C'bia)...	4	0	0	4	5	11	0

Group 4

July 5

BOLIVAR (Bolivia) 1 (Salinas)
ORIENTE PETROLERO (Bolivia) 2 Amudeo, Chena)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Enrique Labo (Peru)

Bolivar: Ludueña, Ibañez, Ferrufino, Arias, Cuevas, Borja, Soria, Lopez, Takeo (Urruti), Salinas, Hirano.

Oriente Petrolero: Trucco, Roca, Bruneto, Amodeo, Saldias, Romero, Medrano, Avila, Celio, Chena, Garcia.

BOLIVAR were on top in the first half while Oriente Petrolero did the usual for away teams — defend for a point. In the second half, after Bolivar's 59th minute goal, Oriente went out to equalise with little organisation, but managed to obtain a surprise victory with the winner coming nine minutes from the end.

July 6

CERRO PORTEÑO (Paraguay) 0
OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 0
Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Hernan Silva (Chile)

Cerro Porteño: Navarro, Riveros, Zabala, Rivarola, Jacquet, Garay, Garcia, Satelo, Britez, Roman, Eder.

Olimpia: Elmeida, Ramirez, Villazan, Benitez, Portela, Sanabria, Guasch, Robson, Gonzalez, Amarilla, Villalba.

BOTH teams were careful to stop each other — a typical opening match between group rivals of the same country — and although Olimpia were slightly on top throughout the match with better midfield play there was little goal action. It was a cold day and rainy night and neither team seemed to be keen to open up.

July 19

ORIENTE PETROLERO (Bolivia) 1 (Celio Alves, pen.
OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 0
Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Romualdo Arpi Filho (Brazil)

Oriente Petrolero: Trucco, Neto, Bruneto, Amodeo, Saldias, Romero (Valverde), Avila, Celio Alves, Chena, Antelo, Garcia.

Olimpia: Almeida, Ramirez, Villazan, Benitez, Portela, Sanabria, Guasch, Robson, Gonzalez, Amarilla, Bobadilla (Villalba).

ORIENTE PETROLERO attacked more, but found the Olimpia defence a tough nut to crack, only managing it with a penalty after 63 minutes slotted home by Brazilian Celio Alves, their best player. Olimpa pressed hard for the equaliser for the rest of the match, however.

July 22

BOLIVAR (Bolivia) 2 (Takeo, Salinas)
OLIMPIA (Paraguay) 0
Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Romualdo Arpi Filho (Brazil)

Bolivar: Ludueña, Ibañez, Algeletti, Takeo (Cortez), Arias, Borja, Soria, Lopez, Urruti (Cuevas), Hirano, Salinas.

Olimpia: Almeida, Ramirez, Villazan, Benitez, Portelo, Clauseman (Bobadilla), Guasch, Robson (Gaona), Sanabria, Gonzalez, Amarilla.

OLIMPIA defended with eight men in the first half and it was all one-way traffic. In the second half they risked more and at the same time left more room for Bolivar's attacks which did, however, not pay off with goals until 68 and 78 minutes.

Group 4 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
O. Petrolero (Bolivia)	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Bolivar (Bolivia).....	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
C. Porteño (P'guay)...	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Olimpia (Paraguay) ...	3	0	1	2	0	3	1

Group 5

July 1

UNIVERSITARIO (Peru) 0
ALIANZA LIMA (Peru) 0
Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Jose Ramirez (Peru)

Universitario: Chavez, Carmona, Requeña, Eugenio, Trece, Reyna, Chirinos (Del Solar), Carranza, Rey Muñoz, Gonzalez (Torres), Suarez.

Alianza Lima: Letelier, Gonzalez, Earl, Reinoso, Espino, Illescas (Vasquez), Valencia, Flores (La Rosa), Reyes, Pinto, A. Reyna.

ANOTHER traditional opening match between group rivals of the same country — close marking and few risks taken by either side, a lot of midfield play and little goal action.

July 2

SPORT RECIFE (Brazil) 0
GUARANI (Brazil) 1

Sport Recife: Flavio, Betao, Wagner, Marco Antonio, Joao Pedro, Dinho, Ribamar, Zico, Robertinho, Augusto, Neto.

Guarani: Sergio Neri, Marquinhos, Vagner, Ricardo, Alberis, Paulo Isidoro, Barbieri, Neto, Boiadeiro, Evair, Joao Paulo.

July 8

ALIANZA LIMA (Peru) 2 (Reinoso, Earl pen)
GUARANI (Brazil) 1 (Mario Antonio)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Jorge Antequera

Alianza: Letelier, Gonzalez, Earl, Vinces, Espino, Reinoso, Charun, Reyes, Pinto, La Rosa, Reyna.

Guarani: Sergio, Marquinho, Vagner, MArcao, Alberis, Paulo Isidoro, Tozinho (Mario Antonio), Neto, Boiaderiro, Evair, Joao Paulo (Careca).

AN even match in which visitors Guarani went for attack all the time and complained bitterly about the penalty awarded to Alianza from which they netted the winner 10 minutes from the end.

July 12

UNIVERSITARIO (Peru) 1 (Requeña, pen)
GUARANI (Brazil) 1 (Careca, pen)
Att: 30,000. **Ref:** Oscar Ortube (Bolivia)

Universitario: Chavez, Rojas, Requeña, Del Solar, Trece, Reyna, Carranza, Suarez, Rey, Gonzalez (Briceño), Torrealba (Sousa).

Guarani: Sergio, Marquinho, Pedrinho (Mario Antonio), Marcao, Alberis, Paulo Isidoro, Tosin, Neto (Mauro), Boaideiro, Evair, Careca.

GUARANI changed tactics for this match, playing defensively and with counter-attacks with Universitario well on top throughout the game. Both goals came from penalties within six minutes of each other in the second half when forwards were unnecessarily downed in the penalty area and Evair missed Guarani's winner when he escaped and had an open goal at his mercy two minutes from the end.

July 18

UNIVERSITARIO (Peru 1) (Rey Muñoz)
SPORT RECIFE (Brazil) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Daniel Enraty (Venezuela)

Universitario: Chavez, Rojas, Del Solar, Requeña, Trece, Reyna, Carranza, Suarez, Rey Muñoz, Briceño (Chirinos), Torrealba.

Sport Recife: Flavio, Betao, Basilio Vagner, Marco Antonio, Tadeu Vagner, Dinho, Ribamar, Zico, Robertinho, Augusto, Neco.

UNIVERSITARIO pressed Sport Recife more into defence in the first half, but could only score on the stroke of half time. The Brazilian team, needing points to stay in contention, were more adventurous in the second half of a good match. The referee was the butt of Brazilian complaints after the match and one of the players attacked him for anulling one of their goals as a result of a doubtful off-side.

July 22

ALIANZA LIMA (Peru) 0
SPORT RECIFE (Brazil) 1 (Betao)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Bernardo Corujo (Venezuela). **Att:** 35,000

Alianza Lima: Letelier, Gonzalez, Vinces, Earl, Espino, Reinoso, (Huerta), Valencia, Reyes, Charun, Soto, Pinto (La Rosa).

Sport Recife: Flavio, Betao, Marco Antonio, Edson, Edson, Ribamar, Dinho, Robertinho, Augusto, Neco, Asilton (Wagner).

SPORT RECIFE kept their chances alive with this away victory obtained with a goal after 35 minutes in a rough match.

Group 4 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Universitario (Peru)...	3	1	2	0	1	0	4
Guarani (Brazil).....	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Alianza Lima (Peru)...	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Sport Recife (Brazil)	3	1	0	2	1	2	2

Group 1 — July 20th

TACHIRA (Venezuela) 0
MARITIMO (Venezuela) 0

Tachira: Francovic, Pacheco, Genovese, Paz (Arnulfo Becerra), Adolfo Becerra, Nieto, Cuesta, Mendez, Maldonado (Jaimes), Pajurek, Gonzalez.

Maritimo: Nikolak, Rivas, Maldonado, Goncalvez, Rojas, Rizzi, San Vicente, Lopez, Edilberto, Marquez (Bebeto), Febles (Victorino).

TACHIRA pressed for most of the match, but apart from finding Maritimós midfield difficult to pass they faced an unbeatable goalkeeper in Nikolak who became the man of the match.

UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA (Chile) 1 (Espinoza)
COLO COLO (Chile) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Salvador Imperatore (Chile).

Universidad Catolica: Cornez, Espinoza, Yoma, Vilches, Martinez, Lepe, Mardones, Perez (Romero), Olmos, Hurtado, Tupper (Estay).

Colo Colo: Moron, Alarcon, Garrido, O. Rojas, Neculnir, Montenegro, Pizarro, Ormeño, Soto (Gutierrez), Rubio, Dabrowski.

UNIVERSITARIO dominated the first half with youngster Tupper standing out in attack. In the second half Colo Colo became more adventurous and took over control, but their attacks went to pieces near goal.

CONCACAF CLUB CHAMPIONS TROPHY

North & Central American semifinal group 1 (in Guatemala)

June 26th

ALAJEULENSE (Costa Rica) 2 (Ramirez, Solano)
AGUILA (El Salvador) 1 (Zapata)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000.

MARATON (Honduras) 2 (Castillo 2)
MUNICIPAL (Guatemala) 0
HT: 0-0

With 10 minutes to go and Maraton leading 1-0, Municipal had a goal anulled and as the players protested, Castillo raced away unmarked during the confusion to score Maraton's second goal. This provoked further protests by Municipalidad players and their coach, Argentine Miguel Brindisi, and the referee suspended the match with five minutes to go as a safety measure.

June 29th

MARATON (Honduras) 1 (Richardson Smith)
AGUILA (El Salvador) 0
HT: 1-0.

MUNCIPAL (Guatemala) 1 (Perez pen.)
ALAJEULENSE (Costa Rica) 1 (Piccinini o.g.)
HT: 0-1.

July 3rd

ALAJUELENSE (Guatemala) 1 (Perez pen.)
MARATON (Honduras) 0
HT: 0-0

MUNICIPAL (Guatemala) 3 (Gomez, Archila, Carreño o.g.)
AGUILA (El Salvador) 1 (Welm. pen.)

Final semi-final group 1 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alajuelense (Costa R)	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Marataon (Honduras)	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Municipal (Guatem)...	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Aguila (El Salvador)...	3	0	0	3	2	6	–

Semi-final group 2 (in Tegucigalpa, Honduras)

June 27th

AURORA (Guatemala) 2 (Gonzalez)
PUNTARENAS (Costa Rica) 0
HT: 0-0

OLIMPIA (Honduras) 3 (Rivera pen., Espinoza, Williams)
FAS (El Salvador) 1 (Gudiel)
HT: 1-1 **Att:** 22,000.
(Four other results not available)

Semifinal group 2 top two: Olimpia (Honduras) and Aurora (Guatemala) — qualify for four-team final group with top two of group 1.

OTHER MAJOR INTERNATIONALS

June 29 — Costa Rica select 3 Batafogo (Brazil) 0; July 3 — Costa Rica junior select. 0 Botafogo (Brazil) 5; July 6 — Panama select. 0 Botafogo (Brazil) 3; July 20 — Paraguay select. 1 Boca Juniors (Argentina) 0.

VENEZUELA

Professional League final round

	P	W	L	Pts
Maritimo	13	11	1	1 23
Tachira	13	8	2	3 18
Caracas FC	12	7	1	4 15
Zamora	13	4	4	5 12
Lara	12	4	1	7 9
Margarita	12	3	3	6 9
Portuguesa	13	2	4	7 8
Mineros Guayan	12	2	2	8 6

PARAGUAY

First Division (2nd stage) 1) Olimpia 11 points; 2) Libertad, Cerro Porteño, Sport Colombia 9; 5) Guarani, Nacional, Coegiales, General Caballero 7; 9) River Plate 6; 10) San Lorenzo 5; 11) Sold de America 4; 12) Sportivo Luqueño 3.

BRAZIL

Sao Paulo State League: (Semifinal round)
Group 1: Guarani 9 points; Sao José 6; Internacional 4; XV de Jau 3.
Group 2: Corinthians 8 points; Sao Paulo 7; Palmeiras 5; Santos 4. (Group winners in final).

WORLD CUP DATES

EUROPE

GROUP 1

(Denmark, Bulgaria, Rumania, Greece)

19.10.88	Greece v Denmark
19.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania
2.11.88	Rumania v Greece
2.11.88	Denmark v Bulgaria
26. 4.89	Greece v Rumania
26. 4.89	Bulgaria v Denmark
17. 5.89	Rumania v Bulgaria
17. 5.89	Denmark v Greece
11.10.89	Bulgaria v Greece
11.10.89	Denmark v Rumania
15.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria
15.11.89	Rumania v Denmark

GROUP 2

(England, Poland, Sweden, Albania)

19.10.88	England v Sweden
19.10.88	Poland v Albania
5.11.88	Albania v Sweden
8. 3.89	Albania v England
26. 4.89	England v Albania
7. 5.89	Sweden v Poland
3. 6.89	England v Poland
6. 9.89	Sweden v England
8.10.89	Sweden v Albania
11.10.89	Poland v England
25.10.89	Poland v Sweden
15.11.89	Albania v Poland

GROUP 3

(Soviet Union, East Germany, Austria, Iceland, Turkey)

31. 8.88	Iceland v Soviet Union
12.10.88	Turkey v Iceland
19.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria
19.10.88	East Germany v Iceland
2.11.88	Austria v Turkey
30.11.88	Turkey v East Germany
12. 4.89	East Germany v Turkey
26. 4.89	Soviet Union v East Germany
10. 5.89	Turkey v Soviet Union
17. 5.89	East Germany v Austria
31. 5.89	Soviet Union v Iceland
14. 6.89	Iceland v Austria
23. 8.89	Austria v Iceland
6. 9.89	Austria v Soviet Union
6. 9.89	Iceland v East Germany
20. 9.89	Iceland v Turkey
7/8.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union
25.10.89	Turkey v Austria
8.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey
15.11.89	Austria v East Germany

GROUP 4

(West Germany, Holland, Wales, Finland)

31. 8.88	Finland v West Germany
14. 9.88	Holland v Wales
19.10.88	Wales v Finland
19.10.88	West Germany v Holland
26. 4.89	Holland v West Germany
31. 5.89	Wales v West Germany
31. 5.89	Finland v Holland
6. 9.89	Finland v Holland
4.10.89	West Germany v Finland
11.10.89	Wales v Holland
15.11.89	West Germany v Wales
15.11.89	Holland v Finland

GROUP 5

(France, Scotland, Yugoslavia, Norway, Cyprus)

14. 9.88	Norway v Scotland
28. 9.88	France v Norway
19.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia
22.10.88	Cyprus v France
2.11.88	Cyprus v Norway
19.11.88	Yugoslavia v France
11.12.88	Yugoslavia v Cyprus
8. 2.89	Cyprus v Scotland
8. 3.89	Scotland v France
22. 4.89	Scotland v Cyprus
29. 4.89	France v Yugoslavia
16. 5.89	Norway v Cyprus
14. 6.89	Norway v Yugoslavia
5. 9.89	Norway v France
6. 9.89	Yugoslavia v Scotland
11.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway
11.10.89	France v Scotland
28.10.89	Cyprus v Yugoslavia
15.11.89	Scotland v Norway
18.11.89	France v Cyprus

GROUP 6

(Spain, Hungary, Northern Ireland, Ireland Republic, Malta)

21.5.88	Northern Ireland v Malta	3-0
14. 9.88	North Ireland v Ireland Rep	
19.10.88	Hungary v Northern Ireland	
16.11.88	Spain v Ireland Republic	
11.12.88	Malta v Hungary	
21.12.88	Spain v Northern Ireland	
22. 1.89	Malta v Spain	
8. 2.89	Northern Ireland v Spain	
8. 3.89	Hungary v Ireland Republic	
22. 3.89	Spain v Malta	
12. 4.89	Hungary v Malta	
26. 4.89	Malta v Northern Ireland	
26. 4.89	Ireland Republic v Spain	
28. 5.89	Ireland Republic v Malta	
4. 6.89	Ireland Republic v Hungary	
6. 6.89	Northern Ireland v Hungary	
11.10.89	Hungary v Spain	
11.10.89	Ireland Rep v Nor Ireland	
15.11.89	Spain v Hungary	
	Malta v Ireland Republic	

GROUP 7

(Belgium, Portugal, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Luxembourg)

21. 9.88	Luxembourg v Switzerland
19.10.88	Belgium v Switzerland
19.10.88	Luxembourg v Czechoslo
16.11.88	Czechoslovakia v Belgium
16.11.88	Portugal v Luxembourg
15. 2.89	Portugal v Belgium
25/6. 4.89	Portugal v Switzerland
30. 4.89	Belgium v Czechoslovakia
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Winners of five-team groups (Groups 3, 5, 6 and 7) and runners-up all qualify. Winners only from the four-team groups (1, 2 and 4) qualify for the finals — plus the top two teams of the runners-up of these three groups.

AFRICA

ROUND 1

Group 1

7. 8.88	Angola v Sudan	
19. 8.88	Sudan v Angola	
	Zimbabwe w/o v Lesotho	
	Zambia w/o v Rwanda (with)	
16. 7.88	Uganda v Malawi	1-0
30. 7.88	Malawi v Uganda	3-1
	Malawi 3-2 on agg	
3. 6.89	Libya v Burkino Faso	3-0
3. 7.89	Burkino Faso v Libya	2-0
	Libya 3-2 on agg	
7. 8.88	Ghana v Liberia	0-0
21. 8.88	Liberia v Ghana	2-0
	Liberia 2-0 on agg	
5. 8.88	Tunisia v Guinea	5-0
21. 8.88	Guinea v Tunisia	3-0
	Tunisia 5-3 on agg	
7. 8.88	Togo v Gabon	
21. 8.88	Gabon v Togo	

ROUND 2

Group 1: Algeria, Ivory Coast, Zimbabwe, Libya. Group 2: Egypt, Kenya, Uganda or Malawi, Ghana or Liberia. Group 3: Cameroon, Nigeria, Angola or Sudan, Togo or Gabon. Group 4: Morocco, Zaire, Zambia, Tunisia or Guinea.

ROUND 3

Winners Gp 1 v Winners Gp 2; Winners Gp 3 v Winners Gp 4. Aggregate winning teams qualify for the finals.

ASIA

WEST ASIA — Group 1: Jordan, Iraq, Oman, Qatar. Group 2: S. Arabia, Bahrain, Syria, AR Yemen. Group 3: UAE, Kuwait, Pakistan, RP Yemen. EAST ASIA — Group 4: S. Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal. Group 5: China, Iran, Thailand, Bangladesh (India withdrew from Group 4, so Nepal was switched from Group 5 to Group 4 to even the numbers). Winners of all groups play off in a league system with top two teams qualifying for the finals.

NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

Group 1

Round 1

19. 6.88	Antigua v Neth. Antilles	0-1
29. 7.88	Neth. Antilles v Antigua	3-1
	Neth. Antilles 4-1 on agg	
12. 5.88	Jamaica v Puerto Rico	1-0
29. 5.88	Puerto Rico v Jamaica	1-2
	Jamaica 3-1 on agg	
17. 4.88	Guyana v Trinidad/Tobago	0-4
8. 5.88	Trinidad/Tobago v Guyana	1-0
	Trinidad/Tobago 5-0 on agg	

Round Two

El Salvador v Antigua or Neth. Antilles; Trinidad/Tobago v Honduras.

24. 7.88	Jamaica v USA	0-0
30. 8.88	USA v Jamaica	

Group 2

Round 1

17. 7.88	Costa Rica v Panama	1-1
31. 7.88	Panama v Costa Rica	0-2
	Costa Rica 3-1 on agg	
30. 4.88	Cuba v Guatemala	0-1
15. 5.88	Guatelama v Cuba	1-1
	Guatemala 2-1 on agg	

Round 2

Costa Rica w/o v Mexico; Guatemala v Canada.

Note: The five winners of Round Two play off in a league with the top two qualifying for the finals.

OCEANIA

Round 1

11.12.88	Taiwan v New Zealand
18.12.88	New Zealand v Taiwan
26.11.88	Fiji v Australia
3.12.88	Australia v Fiji

Round 2: First round winners plus Israel play off in mini league with winning team playing winners of S. America Gp 2 for place in the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

Group 1

20. 8.89	Bolivia v Peru
27. 8.89	Peru v Uruguay
3. 9.89	Bolivia v Uruguay
10. 9.89	Peru v Bolivia
17. 9.89	Uruguay v Bolivia
24. 9.89	Uruguay v Peru

Group 2

20. 8.89	Colombia v Ecuador
27. 8.89	Paraguay v Colombia
3. 9.89	Ecuador v Colombia
10. 9.89	Paraguay v Ecuador
24. 9.89	Colombia v Paraguay
1.10.89	Ecuador v Paraguay

Group 3

30. 7.89	Venezuela v Brazil
6. 8.89	Venezuela v Chile
13. 8.89	Chile v Brazil
20. 8.89	Brazil v Venezuela
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